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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/5/68

Attached refers to advisors and associates of the late Martin Luther King, in New York, who are planning to go to Atlanta and Memphis, in light of the assassination of King. They are reconsidering joining the 4/8/68 march in Memphis, in support of sanitation workers there and the poor peoples march King had planned for Washington, D. C. during April, 1968.

Atlanta has been advised. Memphis and WFO will be advised.

Pertinent parts of the attached have been furnished to the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department.

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FBI NEW YORK

~~12-53 AM~~ URGENT 4/5/68 ~~WPK~~

TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 (CODED)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, OO- ATLANTA.

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NY THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO DASH S ASTERISK (INFORMATION TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET") ADVISED APRIL FOUR SIXTY EIGHT, THAT ON THAT NIGHT STANLEY LEVISON AND HARRY WACHTEL, ON LEARNING OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, INITIALLY DECIDED TO GET FLIGHT RESERVATIONS TO MEMPHIS FOR SIX PERSONS. THESE RESERVATIONS INTENDED FOR WACHTEL AND HIS WIFE, LEVISON, CLARENCE JONES, HARRY BELAFONTE, AND POSSIBLY BAYARD RUSTIN. DURING COURSE OF THEIR CONVERSTIONS, WACHTEL MENTIONED HE WAS CALLED BY RUSTIN WHO HAD BEEN

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DE-INDEXED LEVISON AND BELAFONTE IN THIS SERIAL ON 12-3-70, #34
THIS SERIAL IS SI TO 100-106670-3289

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Supr. John Kearny, NY called 3:50 AM 4/5/68 and advised of correction to line 6, p.2 - Made. Also advised separate tels, being sent Memphis & WFO on this on 4/5/68.

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CALLED BY JIM LAWSON (IN MEMPHIS) AND SAID THEY ARE TRYING TO GET ALL TYPES OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS DOWN THERE (MEMPHIS) TO KEEP THINGS FROM BREAKING WIDE OPEN. LEVISON FELT HE AND WACHTEL SHOULD GO TO MEMPHIS SO THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO PERPLEXING QUESTIONS WHICH THE (SCLC) STAFF WILL BE FACED WITH. LEVISON EXPLAINED THAT HE MEANT ~~THEY~~ SOULD THEY GO ON "THIS MARCH" (MEMPHIS MARCH SCHEDULED FOR APRIL EIGHT) AND " THE WASHINGTON THING" (KING'S POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN)? LEVISON SAID HE THINKS "WE'VE GOT TO BE ANGRY". HE ADDED THAT YOUNG IS PROBABLY THINKING THERE ARE MANY NEGROES WHO ARE GOING TO GET HYSTERICAL AND GO OUT AND GET THEMSELVES SHOT. LATER, LEVISON AND HARRY BELAFONTE AGREED TO FLY TO ATLANTA, NOT MEMPHIS, AT ELEVEN THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE AND LET WACHTEL AND OTHERS WORRY ABOUT THEMSELVES.

ATLANTA TELEPHONICALLY, ADVISED.

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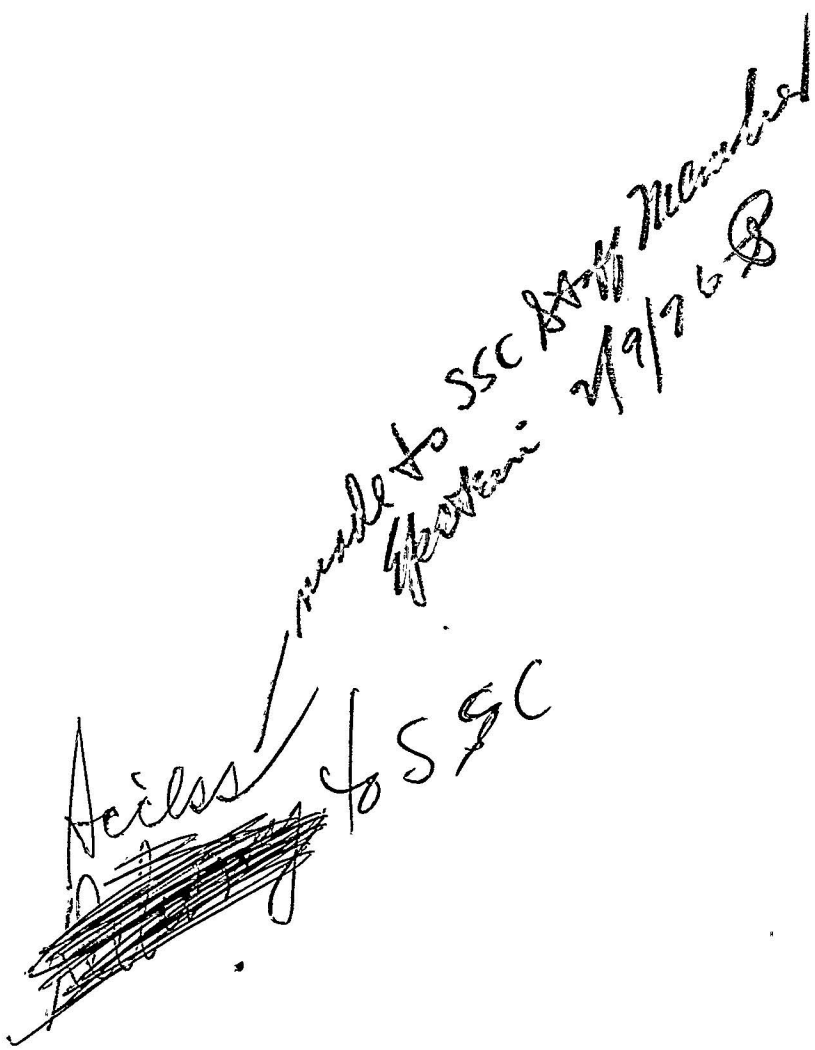

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM MEMPHIS 157-1092 2P

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

REPRESENTATIVES OF EASTERN AIRLINES ADVISED REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND SCLC STAFF MEMBERS DOROTHY COTTON, ANDREW J. YOUNG, BERNARD LEE AND RALPH D. ABERNATHY ARRIVED MEMPHIS FROM ATLANTA, GA. NO RETURN OR OUTGOING RESERVATIONS FOR ANY OF ABOVE KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

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A SOURCE ADVISED THAT STRATEGY MEETING HELD NIGHT APRIL TWO LAST ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE FOR EQUALITY (COME), THE MINISTERIAL GROUP IN MEMPHIS SUPPORTING SANITATION STRIKE, BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SCLC, SPOKESMAN FOR WHICH WAS HOSEA WILLIAMS, AND BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF COUNTY, STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, SPOKESMEN BEING WILLIAM LUCY AND JESSE EPPS, FIELD REPRESENTATIVES THEREOF. AT THIS STRATEGY MEETING, THE MASS MARCH ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL FIVE NEXT TO BE LED BY KING WAS RE-SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL EIGHT, REASON BEING THAT UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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FEEL THAT STRIKE HAS BECOME A RACIAL ISSUE AND THAT THERE IS DEFINITE NEED FOR A MORE UNIFIED SUPPORT BY UNION PEOPLE ASSUMING MORE ACTIVE ROLES IN STRATEGY AND DECISION. EPPS IS ARRANGING THROUGH UNKNOWN UNION OFFICIALS TO BRING TWO CHARTERED PLANE LOADS OF "UNION PEOPLE," MANY OF WHOM WILL BE OF WHITE RACE, FROM NEW YORK CITY AREA DUE TO ARRIVE MEMPHIS SOMETIME APRIL SEVEN NEXT, AND THAT EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO PLACE AS MANY WHITES AS POSSIBLE IN THE FRONT OF THE MASS MARCH. SOURCE ONE ADDED KING SCHEDULED TO HAVE STRATEGY MEETING WITH ABOVE GROUP AT NOON APRIL THREE AND TO DELIVER ADDRESS AT MASS SUPPORT RALLY MASON TEMPLE, NIGHT APRIL THREE.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, WILL THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCES INCLUDING AIRPORT OFFICIALS DETERMINE SPECIFICS OF GROUP OR GROUPS WHICH MAY BE LEAVING NEW YORK AREA TO COME TO MEMPHIS TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS MARCH AND RELATED STRIKE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. ADVISE MEMPHIS AND BUREAU OF POSITIVE INFORMATION BY TELETYPE. AIRMAIL COPY TO ATLANTA.

P. END.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092) 2P

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., ~~RM~~ Racial Matter

RE ME TEL APRIL TWO SIXTYEIGHT

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF APRIL TWO ACTIVITIES.

LT. E. H. ARKIN, MEMPHIS PD, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU ADVISED APRIL TWO, LAST THAT LARRY PAYNE'S BODY WAS INTERRED FOLLOWING FUNERAL WITH ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

ARKIN ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY SIXTY SANITATION WORKERS MARCHED DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS AFTERNOON OF APRIL TWO , LAST. NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS REPORTED.

EASTERN AIRLINES ADVISED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ALONG WITH RALPH D. ABERNATHY, BERNARD LEE, AND ANDREW M. YOUNG SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ME., TEN FIFTEEN AM APRIL THREE, FROM ATLANTA.

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A SOURCE ADVISED THAT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLAYBORN TEMPLE APRIL TWO, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT NIGHTLY MASS STRIKE SUPPORT MEETINGS WILL BE RESUMED NIGHT OF APRIL THREE, NEXT WITH KING AS THE FEATURED SPEAKER. MASS MARCH TO BE HELD FRIDAY, APRIL FIVE, NEXT AND ALLEGEDLY WILL INCLUDE CHILDREN.

END PAGE ONE.

Included in letter to White House and Attorney General. Date 4-3-68

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LT. ARKIN ADVISED MEMPHIS CITY OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING SEEKING A COURT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING ANY MASS MARCH LED BY KING OR AN INJUNCTION SPECIFYING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A MARCH COULD TAKE PLACE.

CAPTAIN J. G. RAY, MEMPHIS PD, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU ADVISED LATE PM APRIL TWO, LAST THAT ONLY MINOR INCIDENTS OF BRICK THROWING AND SMALL GATHERINGS OF INDIVIDUALS REPORTED. RAY ADVISED NO MAJOR DISTURBANCES OR ANY UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE REPORTED IN LATE PM APRIL TWO, LAST OR EARLY AM APRIL THREE, INSTANT.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RACIAL MATTER

On April 1, 1968, a confidential source advised that as of that date Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); Jesse Jackson, Northern Director, Project Breadbasket, SCLC; James Bevel, SCLC Executive staff member; and James Orange, SCLC Field Representative, were in Memphis, Tennessee, for the purpose of re-organizing striking Sanitation Workers in that city along the lines of SCLC's philosophy of nonviolence.

The aforementioned SCLC officials expected Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, and Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC, to arrive in Memphis on April 2, 1968. In the near future, (date not known), Reverend King intended to lead a nonviolent demonstration of the Memphis Sanitation Workers.

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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Reverend King arranged this meeting for the purpose of reviewing the recent disturbance in Memphis and evaluating the effect thereof upon SCLC's contemplated Washington Spring Project (WSP). Reverend King opened this meeting by again stressing to those present how greatly concerned he was as to the effect of the Memphis disturbance on his image as a civil rights leader and the position of SCLC as a leading civil rights organization. This entire matter apparently upset Reverend King to the extent he found it desirable to excuse himself from this meeting shortly after its commencement. Source was unable to advise whether Reverend King returned to the meeting.

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STANLEY LEVISON

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Atlanta, Georgia
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Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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Reference Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA

MARTIME LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

ON EVENING OF APRIL ONE LAST AT ONE THREE EIGHT SEVEN-R ADVISED HE HAD LEARNED THAT HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC; JESSE JACKSON, NORTHERN DIRECTOR, PROJECT BREADBASKET, SCLC; JAMES BEVEL, SCLC STAFF MEMBER AND JAMES ORGANGE, SCLC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, WERE CURRENTLY IN MEMPHIS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT, SCLC, AND RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC, CONTEMPLATED DEPARTING ATLANTA APRIL TWO INSTANT VIA AIR EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS. DETAILS RE TRAVEL OF KING NOT AVAILABLE BUT INFORMANT GAINED IMPRESSION HE AND ABERNATHY WOULD DEPART DURING LATE MORNING. DURATION OF KING'S STAY IN MEMPHIS NOT KNOWN BUT SCLC "ACTION COMMITTEE" MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MEMPHIS APRIL THREE NEXT.

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KING AND SCLC ARE DETERMINED TO LEAD ANOTHER MARCH IN MEMPHIS WHICH WILL BE NONVIOLENT IN ORDER TO PROVE TO NATION THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. DATE OF MARCH NOT KNOWN BUT SOURCE PRESUMED IT WOULD NOT BE UNITL AFTER

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APRIL THREE NEXT MEETING. HOSEA WILLIAMS IN CHARGE OF CURRENT EFFORTS IN MEMPHIS "REORGANIZE" SANITATION WORKERS IN ORDER THAT ENSUING MARCH WILL BE PEACEFUL.

ABOVE INFORMATION TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

INFORMATION FROM AT [JFK Act 6 (4)] CONFIDENTIAL. LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 AND MEMPHIS (CODE)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGECE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585 1P

SECURITY MATTER-COMMUNIST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C. OO - ATLANTA

Source

NEW YORK THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO - S ASTERISK (A SOURCE WHOSE INFORMATION IS TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET") ADVISED THAT STANLEY LEVISON STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF MEETING IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA ON MARCH THIRTY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL RETURN TO MEMPHIS ON TUESDAY (APRIL TWO, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT) AND THAT THERE WILL BE A BIG MARCH ON FRIDAY (APIL FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT).

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092)

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., ~~RM.~~ RACIAL MATTERS

REFERENCE MEMPHIS TELETYPES

~~RE~~ ME ~~TELS~~ MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.

ON APRIL ONE INSTANT, INSPECTOR G. P. TIMES, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE STAFF CURRENTLY IN MEMPHIS REGISTERED AT LORRAINE MOTEL: R.B. COTTONREADER, JAMES ORANGE, REV. JESSE JACKSON AND JAMES L. BEVEL. ALSO REGISTERED IN THIS MOTEL OVER WEEKEND OF MARCH THIRTY AND THIRTYONE WERE CHARLES L. CABBAGE, JOHN BURRELL SMITH AND CHARLES STEVEN BALLARD, ALL OF WHOM HAVE AS RECENTLY AS FEBRUARY SIXTEEN LAST ADMITTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF FBI BEING ON GOVERNING BODY OF BLACK ORGANIZING POWER (BOP) AND OVERALL BLACK POWER GROUP IN MEMPHIS WHICH THEY SAY IS AFFILIATED WITH STUDENT NON VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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TIMES ADDED THAT AT TWO THIRTY P.M. APRIL ONE INSTANT, APPROXIMATELY FOUR FIVE ZERO SUPPORTERS OF MEMPHIS SANITATION STRIKE CARRYING PLACARDS MARCHED FROM CLAYBORN TEMPLE SINGLE FILE TO MAIN STREET AND CITY HALL, MEMPHIS, THEREAFTER RETURNING TO TEMPLE. THERE

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WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO ARRESTS.

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WILL ORGANIZE NEGRO BUSINESSES TO TAKE OVER ALL NEGRO BUSINESS IN COMMUNITY AND THAT THESE GROUPS WILL "HAVE TH SHAPE UP OR SHIP OUT". WILLIAMS DENIED SCLC IS ATTEMPTING TO "TAKE OVER" MEMPHIS, CLAIMED SCLC HERE AT INVITATION OF COME AND IS MERELY SERVING AS A CATALYST AND IT IS "HERE TO UNITE BLACK POWER".

JAMES L. BEVEL STATED SCLC IN MEMPHIS TO SERVE AS A POLITICAL PSYCHIATRIST AND THAT SCLC SEES MEMPHIS MAYOR HENRY LOEB AS A "SICK INDIVIDUAL". HE CLAIMED THAT WHITE RACISM RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PROBLEMS IN MEMPHIS. HE CLAIMED THE CITY TRIES TO SETTLE PROBLEMS WITH THE ARMY AND TANKS WHEN THE REAL PROBLEM IS POVERTY AND THAT THE ARMY IS CALLED IN WHEN NEGROES LOOT WHEREAS THE WHITE RACE HAS BEEN STEALING FROM THE NEGROES ECONOMICALLY FOR CENTURIES. BEVEL CONCLUDED "WE UNEQUIVOCALLY BELIEVE IN AND ADVOCATE BLACK POWER".

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
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Re New York teletype 3/29/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from NY 3810-S* on 3/29/68, concerning a discussion between STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., on KING's reaction to the violence that followed KING's leading of a march in downtown Memphis on 3/28/68. It also contains information from NY 3810-S* on 3/31/68, concerning LEVISON's comments on an Atlanta meeting on 3/30/68.

Source

The source used to characterize STANELY LEVISON is NY 694-S*. Source

ENCLOSURE

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1- Memphis (INFO)(RM) (Encl.1)
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An information copy of this LHM is being sent to Memphis because it indicates KING is returning to Memphis for another march. Source

This LHM is classified "SECRET" because it contains information from NY 3810-S* a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "SECRET" because it contains a concentration of information from NY 694-S* in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON. Source

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on March 29, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, Jr. discussed the position which King has found himself in as a result of the violence that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 28, 1968, at the time when King led a march through downtown Memphis. King told Levison that he feels they have to face the fact that, from a public relations point of view and every other way, "we are in serious trouble". He referred to the Washington D.C. Spring campaign, known as the Poor People's Campaign, and said as far as it is concerned it is in trouble. King noted that it will be much more difficult to recruit people for the Washington campaign now because they (the Southern Christian Leadership Conference)(SCLC) are recruiting non-violent people and these people will hold back if they think they will be in a campaign that is going to be taken over by violent elements. King stated that this is not a failure for the SCLC because it has enough of a program to affirm its position but that it is a personal setback for himself.

King continued that persons such as Roy Wilkens (Head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and Adam Clayton Powell, and Negroes who are influenced by the press, will now feel that he, King, is finished, that his non-violence is nothing, that no one is listening to it. King reiterated that they have had a great public relations setback as far as his image and leadership are concerned.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Levison attempted to dissuade King from this point of view stating that it would be true only if King accepts "their" definition. He added that he felt it is a profound error King is making.

King noted that he did not accept it himself but that others will. Levison retorted that people would accept it for a few days, but, if events prove otherwise, will not accept it.

King noted that events will not prove otherwise unless they think soberly through this period. He said that somehow he had to reaffirm what the press will refuse to affirm. He referred to the Memphis incident stating that they all know it was just a few people who were involved. He added that it was a failure of the leadership in Memphis. King informed Levison that persons who were responsible for the violence came to see him on the morning of March 29, 1968. He said these persons were fighting the leadership in Memphis, the men who ignored and neglected them, the men who would not give them any attention, who ordered their telephones cut off. King added that he had no knowledge of all this, that the persons responsible for the violence were too sick to see that what they were doing during the violence was hurting him, King, more than it could hurt the local preachers.

King related that he was so upset and shocked over the Memphis violence that he was going to announce a personal fast as a means of appealing to the Memphis leadership, as well as those who participated in the violence, to come to him in a united front to take up the "cudget" and get on with the movement. He said he felt this kind of spiritual move would be a way of unifying the movement, of transforming a minus into a plus. He added that he feels their Washington campaign is doomed.

Levison attempted to convince King that his reasoning was not correct. Levison said he was concerned over the "trap" King was placing non-violence in because King was saying that he must have 100% adherence to non-violence which is an impossibility.

King commented that they could not get 100% adherence but that they must face the fact that a riot broke out in the ranks of the march, that "these fellows", in the line of march, would

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jump out, do something, and then come back to hide within the group. King said he is a symbol of non-violence and that the press is not going to say what Levison said. He said the symbol will be weakened and it will put many Negroes in doubt. He said he must do something that is a powerful act to unify forces and refute the press.

Levison stated that if it had this result he would agree but that he is bothered by the idea that King would be accepting the logic of the press that if King can control 99%, and not the 1% who are violent, he is a failure. He said they must find a way in which they do not accept this otherwise King will never be able to do anything unless he always spiritually reaches a level where he hypnotizes every Negro alive.

King questioned how he could say that they can control the planned demonstrations in Washington,D.C. and at the same time conclude they are going to have 1% violence.

Levison counseled that King can say that he can control his followers and is not undertaking to control everybody else. He said King could take the position that his followers are non-violent and will do what they must do.

They agreed to discuss the matter in depth at a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia in King's church office on the morning of March 30, 1968.

The same source advised on March 31, 1968, that on that date Stanley Levison commented on the meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 30, 1968. Levison's comments included the following:

At the Atlanta meeting they examined the whole Memphis incident and came up with a new approach. "We are going back to Memphis. We are going to prove that you can have mass action in the streets". Martin Luther King had decided not to go back to Memphis and not to go to Washington (for the Poor People's Campaign). It was the determination of the (SCLC) staff that

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changed King's thinking. King is going back to Memphis on Tuesday (April 2, 1968) and there will be a big march on Friday (April 5, 1968). The Memphis incident was caused by "a handful of kids" and it could have been controlled by "our guys" (the SCLC) had they been there.

He, Levison, made the point that they could not let "a couple of kids" keep "mass action" from being their weapon.

As for controlling the Washington, D.C. demonstrations, King knows he can control the youth. What has to be done is go to the high schools and tell them what the establishment wants them to do. Once they grasp this there is no chance of anything happening. What they (the SCLC) are afraid of in Washington is a double cross from Stokley Carmichael and the answer to that is that "our job" (the SCLC") is not to stop violence but to be non-violent themselves. "Our position" is that "we" are going to go on because to be able to march inthe streets is "our most important tool" and are not going on the streets because it may start violence. "Why do we have to be afraid of riots. It is their problem not ours".

The Atlanta meeting was good because it shows how much militancy there is in the SCLC.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early, 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in this position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/30/68

Attached relates to attitudes of Martin Luther King towards the disturbance in Memphis, Tennessee, 3/28/68 and his future activities. Stanley Levison mentioned in the attached is principal advisor to King and reported in past as secret member of Communist Party.

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, and interested divisions of Department.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 AND ATLANTA (CODE)

ATLANTA VIA WASHINGTON

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JUNIOR; ~~SM-C~~ SECURITY MATTER-COMMUNIST.

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Source

NEW YORK THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO-S ASTERISK (INFORMATION TO BE CLASSIFIED SECRET) ADVISED MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, MARTIN LUTHER KING TOLD STANLEY LEVISON THEY MUST FACE FACT THAT FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS POINT OF VIEW, THEY ARE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE, AND THAT WASHINGTON, DC CAMPAIGN IS IN TROUBLE. KING SAID WILL BE DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT PEOPLE NOW. REFERRING TO MEMPHIS INCIDENT, KING SAID IT IS GREAT PERSONAL SET-BACK FOR HIM, A GREAT PUBLIC RELATIONS SET-BACK AS FAR AS HIS IMAGE AND LEADERSHIP ARE CONCERNED. KING SAID HE CONSIDERED ANNOUNCING PERSONAL FAST AS APPEAL TO MEMPHIS LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN VIOLENCE, AS A WAY OF UNIFYING END PAGE ONE

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THE MOVEMENT. KING SAID HE FEELS WASHINGTON CAMPAIGN IS DOOMED. LEVISON SAID HE COULD NOT DISAGREE WITH KING MORE AND ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE HIM THAT HE COULD NOT EXPECT TO GET ONE HUNDRED PER CENT ADHERENCE, THAT KING SHOULD NOT ACCEPT LOGIC OF PRESS THAT IF HE CAN CONTROL NINETY NINE PER CENT AND NOT ONE PER CENT, HE IS A FAILURE LEVISON SAID KING'S POSITION SHOULD BE THAT KING CAN CONTROL HIS FOLLOWERS WHO ARE NON-VIOLENT. THEY AGREED TO DISCUSS MATTER IN DEPTH AT ATLANTA MEETING MARCH THIRTY.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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ATfile 100-5586

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
BuFile 157-8428
ATfile 157-2924

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted] ISD [redacted] D, RAO [redacted]
DATE RCVD: 4/3/68
HOW RCVD: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 3/28/68 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C; SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM".

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies, for Memphis three, and for WFO two, of LHM.

Source referred to is AT 1387-R.

Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is NY 4171-S*. Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are NY 4171-S* and NY 694-S*.

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(1 - 157-257) (RALPH ABERNATHY)
(1 - 157-895) (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
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AT 100-5586
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Information appearing in the enclosed LHM which was not included in retel was obtained during brief contact with AT 1387-R on 3/29/68.

Reference is also made to New York teletype to Bureau 3/29/68 (no cc Memphis) captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, SM - C". As of the time of contact on 3/29/68 AT 1387-R SOURCE advised KING had not returned to Atlanta and he had no knowledge as to his contemplated itinerary. From questioning of informant it was determined he had no knowledge of any SCLC meeting scheduled for 3/30/68. Arrangements have been made to contact informant 4/1/68.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AT 1387-R WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AT 1387-R MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by NY 694-S*. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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Atlanta, Georgia
March 29, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On March 28, 1968, a confidential source advised that during the morning of that date Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), participated in a march in Memphis, Tennessee, conducted by sanitation workers who are currently on strike in that community. During this march, incidents of violence were engaged in by a relatively small group of Negroes.

With reference to the above incidents, it was the opinion on March 28, 1968, of Reverend King, Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC; Bernard Lee, Special Aide to the President, SCLC; and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, that those responsible therefor were in no way connected with SCLC but rather represented a minority who obviously are neither in sympathy with Reverend King nor SCLC. Reverend King and his colleagues did not know the identities of these individuals but suspected they might possibly be connected with some "black power" organization.

Because of the disturbance in Memphis on March 28, 1968, Reverend King became extremely dejected and discouraged as to the prospects for success of SCLC's contemplated Washington Spring Project (WSP). Reverend King told his colleagues on this date that because of his participation in the Memphis march, the disturbance which developed, and the ensuing publicity he was gravely fearful that his image and that of SCLC as advocates of nonviolence will be blemished.

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Subscribing to the thought that those responsible for the aforementioned disturbance might represent some "black power" organization, Abernathy, Lee, and Williams on March 28, 1968, were extremely apprehensive for the personal safety of Reverend King, particularly in the event he should in the near future appear publicly in connection with activity by the striking sanitation workers in Memphis.

HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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March 29, 1968

Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reference Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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ReNYteletype 3/29/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) containing information from NY 3810-S* on 3/28/68, concerning a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on what KING's position should be on the rioting that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee on 3/28/68.

The source used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is NY 694-S*

An information copy of this LHM is being sent to the Richmond Office, since it is indicated that KING will probably cancel a scheduled appearance in Virginia on Saturday (March 30, 1968).

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(1-157-8428) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
2-Atlanta (100-) (Encls. 3) (RM)
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This LHM is classified "SECRET" because it contains information from NY 3810-S* a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "SECRET" because it contains a concentration of information from NY 694-S* in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

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New York, New York
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Martin Luther King, Jr.
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on March 28, 1968, that, late on that date, Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, Jr. discussed the violence that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee on March 28, 1968, following King's leadership of a protest - march through downtown Memphis. King indicated that he has become so depressed over the developments in Memphis that he has considered calling off the Washington March (his self-described Poor People's Campaign, scheduled to begin in Washington, D.C. on April 22, 1968).

Levison told King that his depression was aggravated because he is physically exhausted as a result of his recent strenuous program. He counseled King not to be on the defensive over the events in Memphis but, on the contrary, should take the position that the majority of people in the Memphis March did not join in the rioting that took place, proving the effectiveness of King's leadership and his policy of non-violence. Levison emphasized that the Washington March will be different in that King will have organized this march and his forces can stress the importance of non-violence. Levison suggested that Saturday morning (March 30, 1968) would be a better time to meet in Atlanta to discuss the Memphis incident rather than meeting on Friday night (March 29, 1968) because it will give King time to rest.

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King agreed in every respect with Levison's evaluation.

The source also ascertained that, prior to conferring with King, Levison spoke with the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, an aide of Dr. King's, who advised Levison that King has cancelled a scheduled appearance in Washington, D.C. on March 29, 1968. Abernathy also noted that King is scheduled to be in Virginia on Saturday (March 30, 1968) but will probably cancel that appearance. Abernathy continued that it was a mistake for the King forces not to have a staff in Memphis to train people in non-violence. He said it also was a mistake on the part of the King forces not to have been more aware of the local situation.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP,USA), in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in this position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/29/68

Attached relates to a conversation between Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and his principal advisor and long-time secret Communist Party member, Stanley Levison.

Information in attached will be furnished the White House, Attorney General and interested Government agencies.

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~~928 AM~~ URGENT 3-29-68 ~~JLW~~

TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 ATLANTA RICHMOND AND WASHINGTON FIELD (CODE)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585 2P

MARTIN LUTHER KING. ~~SM - C.~~ SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST.

NEW YORK THREE EIGHT TEN ADVISED THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS

IN CONTACT WITH STANLEY LEVISON JUST PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT WHEN THEY DISCUSSED RIOT IN MEMPHIS. KING STATED HE WAS DEPRESSED BY RIOTS AND WAS CONSIDERING CALLING OFF THE WASHINGTON MARCH. LEVISON ADVISED KING HE SHOULD TAKE POSITION THAT MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN MEMPHIS MARCH DID NOT JOIN IN THE RIOTING AND PROVES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF KING'S POLICY OF NON VIOLENCE. LEVISON EMPHASIZED THAT THE WASHINGTON MARCH WILL DIFFER FROM MEMPHIS MARCH SINCE KING WILL HAVE ORGANIZED THE WASHINGTON MARCH AND CAN STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF NON VIOLENCE. KING AND SCLC WILL MEET IN ATLANTA SATURDAY, THREE THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT TO DISCUSS MEMPHIS INCIDENT AND PROBABLY WASHINGTON MARCH. KING WAS SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON, DC. THREE TWENTY

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)
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FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (157-1305) (P)
(100-5056) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
OO: Atlanta

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
OO: WFO

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 3/18/68 and Atlanta radiogram to Bureau and Savannah 3/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memo concerning KING's visit to Waycross and Augusta, Ga. as well as the appearance of Rev. R. D. ABERNATHY at Savannah, Ga.

One copy of this letterhead memo is also being furnished 111th MIG, Fort McPherson, Ga.; NISO, Charleston, S.C.; and U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga.

Copies of this communication and the enclosed letterhead memo are also being furnished to Atlanta and WFO.

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Sources utilized in the letterhead memo are as follows:

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First source is JOSEPH ROSS, Manager, Holiday Inn, Savannah, Ga., whose identity is concealed at his request.

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Second source is CLARENCE IZZARD, PCI.

Conf Source

Third source is WILLIAM MORRELL, JR., 209 Hazzard Street, Waycross, Ga. (Request)

Conf Source

Fourth source is JFK Act 6 (4) 1319 Long Bewick Street, Waycross, Ga. (Request)

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SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT SAVANNAH, GA.

Will continue to follow and report pertinent WSP activities in this territory.

It is noted that the activities of WSP have been confined to the reported meetings and the success of KING's recruiting appeal is unknown at this time.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Savannah, Georgia
March 27, 1968

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga. (RM)

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Savannah, Georgia
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

On March 22, 1968, a source advised that a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, had made reservations for nine single rooms for the night of March 22, 1968 at the Holiday Inn, Savannah, Georgia.

On the same date, the "Savannah (Georgia) Morning News", a daily newspaper, announced that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the SCLC, was scheduled to speak that night at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Paul C.M.E. Church, Savannah, Georgia, about the planned "Poor People's Campaign".

On March 23, 1968, a second source advised that Rev. King failed to appear the previous evening at Savannah as scheduled, reportedly because bad weather grounded his plane in Alabama. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President, SCLC, came from Atlanta and spoke to a crowd of about 500 people in the St. Paul Church, urging support for the planned demonstration in Washington, D. C. next month.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

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It is noted that King's visit to Savannah was under the auspices of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters.

On March 21, 1968, Pressie B. McCoy, President, Eighth Congressional District of Georgia Voters League, Waycross, Georgia, advised pursuant to a telephonic request, he had made arrangements for the A.M.E. Mount Zion Church, Waycross, to be made available on March 22, 1968 to Rev. King to make a speech about the "Poor People's Campaign".

On March 23, 1968, S. W. White, Sno-White Flying Service, Waycross, Georgia, Airport, advised that Rev. King had arrived at the Waycross Airport at 11:06 a.m. White subsequently advised that the pilot of King's plane advised they expected to be in Waycross for approximately one hour.

On the same date, Corporal Willie Armstrong, Waycross Police Department, advised he was in the audience at the church when Rev. King spoke. He said King only spoke very briefly, mentioning the needs of the poor people and the ridiculousness of the expenditures on the Vietnam war when money was needed in the ghettos and for the war on poverty. He said no effort was made to recruit volunteers at the time of the speech and no information was given concerning this aspect. He estimated about 225 to 250 people attended, but that a considerable number of these people left prior to the time a collection was taken.

On the same date, Mr. White, described above, advised that Rev. King and the individuals accompanying him left the Waycross Airport at about 1:00 p.m.

On March 26, 1968, a third source advised that he had attended the meeting at Waycross addressed by Rev. King. He estimated that there were about 200 people present and noted that Rev. Abernathy introduced Rev. King. He said King spoke less than ten minutes, directing most of his talk about the deplorable poverty conditions and his anticipated campaign in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of correcting these conditions.

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On the same date, a fourth source related substantially the same information about the Waycross meeting, adding that a collection of $200 was taken up from those present.

On March 21, 1968, Mr. John D. Watkins, attorney, Augusta, Georgia, advised that Rev. King was scheduled to appear at Beulah Grove Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. on March 23, 1968; the meeting was sponsored by the Citizens Concerned for Welfare of the Community, Inc. (CCWC, INC.), which he described as a small group of responsible people interested in the welfare of the community, and particularly in the welfare of poor people. He said Rev. B. I. Vernon, pastor of the Beulah Grove Baptist Church, is President of the CCWC, Inc., and that Watkins is the Secretary. He related that the purpose of the meeting on March 23, 1968 is to interest people in participating financially in the Washington Spring Project.

On March 25, 1968, Chief of Police Broadus Bequest, Augusta Police Department, advised he had several plainclothes detectives attend the meeting at the Beulah Grove Baptist Church on March 23, 1968. He said Rev. King, scheduled to arrive at 2:00 p.m., arrived at 6:40 p.m., and that King went directly from the airport to the church where he spoke about ten minutes, urging financial assistance in the campaign for poor people. Chief Bequest said that King related they had a warehouse full of food for the people participating in the campaign and expected to build several shacks on the Capitol grounds to serve these people.

Chief Bequest related the meeting was attended by about 450 people and that a collection of $305 was taken up at the meeting. He said there was no indication as to how many people would participate in the demonstration in Washington.

He related that following the meeting, King and his group went to the Downtowner Motel in Augusta where they had dinner with guests and companions. He said the bill for the dinner was $130 and that following the dinner the group went to the local airport from which King left about 11:00 p.m.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Concerning King's scheduled speeches in Augusta, Savannah and Waycross, Georgia, the following agencies were notified:

Robert Caleb,
111th Military Intelligence Group, Savannah, Ga.;

Chief Leo B. Ryan, Police Department, Savannah, Ga.;

Chief Ray Pope, Police Department, Waycross, Ga.;

Sgt. J. C. Pope, Georgia State Patrol, Waycross, Ga.;

Sheriff Robert E. Lee, Ware County, Waycross, Ga.;

Chief Broadus Bequest, Police Department, Augusta, Ga.;

Chief Deputy Sheriff Roger Tomlin, Richmond County, Augusta, Ga.;

J. K. Brantley,
111th Military Intelligence Group, Fort Gordon, Ga.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-8428) , NEW YORK, WFO, AND MEMPHIS --PLAINTEXT--

ATTN -DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

WFO AND MEMPHIS VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEWARK (157-2298)

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, (WSP), ~~RM~~, OO-WFO.

TOUR OF NEWARK BY DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING INITIATED AT ELEVEN THIRTY AM INSTANT BY APPEARANCE AT MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL ONE PM. DURING THIS PERIOD KING SPOKE FOR ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES TO AN AUDIENCE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED. MONEY COLLECTED TO DATE IN THIS AREA WAS ANNOUNCED AS FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. IT WAS STATED THAT TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX PERSONS IN NEW JERSEY NJ HAVE BEEN SIGNED UP TO GO TO WASHINGTON AND THAT TWENTY OF THEM WILL BE DESIGNATED AS MARSHALS AND GIVEN TRAINING IN NON-VIOLENCE AT WORKSHOPS IN WASHINGTON DC. THESE MARSHALS WILL RETURN TO THEIR AREAS AND TRAIN OTHERS WHO WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON FOR THE WSP ON APRIL TWO TWO NEXT.

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KING DID ANNOUNCE THAT THE GROUP INITIALLY IN WASHINGTON WAS TO REMAIN AND BE AUGMENTED BY INCREASING NUMBERS CULMINATING IN A GIANT RALLY ON OR ABOUT JUNE ONE FIVE.

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Summary Included in ~~letter~~ to White House and Attorney General. Date 3-28-68

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KING FOLLOWED THE CHURCH MEETING WITH A TOUR OF NEWARK WHICH INCLUDED A TEN MINUTE VISIT AT THE RESIDENCE OF LEROY JONES, ANTI-WHITE BLACK NATIONALIST, WHO WAS ARRESTED DURING THE RIOTS IN NEWARK, SUMMER OF SIXTY-SEVEN.

INFO INDICATED KING DEPARTING NY FOR MEMPHIS LATE INSTANT DATE AND WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON THREE TWENTY-NINE NEXT.

memo ~~LHM~~ FOLLOWS.

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cc: Mr. Sullivan

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395)(P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER
(OO:WFO)

ReWFOairtel and LHM dated 3/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. LHM classified "Confidential" in order to offer additional security to extremely valuable informants, who furnished information contained therein.

The press conference mentioned in enclosed LHM was attended by SAs JOHN T. ALDHIZER, III, and ROBERT E. OLDS.

The first confidential source mentioned in enclosed LHM is WF 1295-PRI, and the second is WF 1827-S. Both informants furnished the information to SA PAUL E. MORRISON.

REC-69 157-1395-461

Persons identified in enclosed LHM as having been recruited to work with the WSP since re airtel and LHM have been searched through WFO indices and no pertinent identifiable subversive derogatory information was located based on available information.

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As pointed out in enclosed LHM, no active recruitment of demonstrators has been undertaken to date. It would appear as though they will experience little trouble in any future recruitment of demonstrators to participate in the WSP.

WFO continues to maintain liaison with the Inspector THOMAS I. HERLIHY, Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, and has furnished him all available information concerning the WSP.

Officials of the U.S. Park Police, U.S. Capitol Police, General Services Administration, and the military agencies have been alerted concerning details of the WSP and their cooperation has been solicited in furnishing information coming to their attention concerning the WSP.

Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally by WFO to Assistant U.S. Attorney, Washington, D. C., NISO, OSI, 116th MIG, and the U.S. Secret Service.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535

March 26, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to our memorandum dated March 19, 1968, and captioned as above, which sets forth information concerning progress in the organization and planning of the Washington Spring Project (WSP).

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capitol during April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

In pursuit of this project, the SCLC has opened an office in Washington, D. C., from which to organize and direct the WSP.

On March 22, 1968, a press conference was called by WSP representatives at the SCLC Office, Washington, D. C. (WDC). At the conference an announcement was made that King was expected to be in WDC on April 22, 1968, to initiate the WSP by presenting his requests to Congress. They further announced that late in April or early May, 1968, they expect three thousand demonstrators to arrive. The emphasis is being placed on the length of the demonstration rather than the number of demonstrators and they do not expect the number of demonstrators to exceed five thousand and will possibly limit the number to that figure. They expect the demonstrators to remain in WDC as long as necessary or until they get tired and return to their homes.

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ENCLOSURE

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 23, 1968, that he had learned that a meeting had been held on the morning of March 23, 1968, of heads and representatives of various committees established to organize and plan the WSP. There were approximately twenty-five people there, including Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy, Vice-Chairman of the Washington City Council, and a WDC affiliate of the SCLC.

The chairman of the Food Committee reported that the Cooks Union had offered their services to the WSP. She further advised that all food handlers would be screened and examined.

A representative of the Xaverian College, 10000 New Hampshire Avenue, White Oak, Maryland, met with the group and advised the college could handle six hundred people at one time. The source did not know if this had reference to handling six hundred people as residents or feeding that number at one time.

No site has been located on which to erect the "New City" to house the demonstrators. Three sources from which land can be obtained were discussed. They were:

District of Columbia land;

Federal Government land;

Land belonging to churches and private individuals.

Reverend Fauntroy suggested that Billy Simpson, 3815 Georgia Avenue, N.W., be named to head the fund raising committee and that one Flaxie Pinkert be asked to assist.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 25, 1968, that he had received information concerning a meeting held at

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the WSP Office on March 23, 1968, which was attended by approximately ten persons. At the meeting Anthony Henry, WSP recruiter, announced that everyone who will live at the "New City," and those who will visit frequently, must be trained in non-violence.

At the meeting Henry further stated that the majority of the demonstrators will be Negro; however, they expect Mexican-American, American Indians, and poor white to participate also. He pointed out that not much success had been realized in the recruitment of poor whites, as they associate Martin Luther King with the civil rights movement and they do not feel this movement effects them.

Charles E. Cheng, a representative of the American Federation of Teachers, heads the Education Committee for the WSP and announced no problem has been experienced in the recruitment of teachers to staff the "Freedon Schools," which will be developed for use of children associated with the WSP. He further announced an intention to appoint six sub-committees on his Education Committee. They will be: Orientation; Resources; Recruitment; Space; Program; and Schedules.

Cheng informed those present that no site had been selected for the "Freedom Schools" and that emphasis will be placed of subjects such as: Black Awareness; Black History; and Black Culture."

The attached pages set forth additional information concerning the WSP.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

REPORTING OFFICE

Washington, D. C.

NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS RECRUITING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Anthony Ray Henry
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Henry Brownlee
Lester Hankerson
J.T. Johnson
Richard Gay
Gerald Pogue
Steve Wise
James Peterson

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1401 U Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

KNOWN NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECRUITED

Reliable sources have advised that efforts have not been made to recruit demonstrators for the WSP in Washington, D. C. At this time they have no goal and the number of people they will attempt to recruit depends on the success of recruitment elsewhere in the United States. Their overall goal is a nucleus of at least three thousand demonstrators and any part of that total not recruited elsewhere will be sought in the Washington, D. C., area. To date sixth-three persons have been recruited to work on various committees in support of the WSP.

KNOWN NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS RECRUITED TO DATE

The following are persons who have been identified as having been recruited to work in support of the WSP since March 19, 1968:

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David A. Clarke, 1909 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.;

Earl Coblyn;

Mary L. Burns, 1635 V Street, S.E., Number 6, Washington, D. C.;

Barbara Willis;

Gary Ayers, 3800 14th Street, N.W., Number 206, Washington, D. C.;

Melvin Deal, 2705 13th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.;

David Wrice, Jr., 1033 Third Street, N.E., Washington, D. C.;

Jacques J. Kozub;

Judy Crews, 5439 16th Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland;

Reverend Barry Stipp, Bethesda Congregational Church, 10010 Fernwood Road, Bethesda, Maryland;

Gerry Schwinn, 1509 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.;

Oscar Griffin.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECRUITED

It is estimated that approximately one hundred twenty-five persons have been recruited thus far to serve on various committees in support of the WSP.

NUMBER OF BUSES AND OTHER COMMERCIAL TYPE TRANSPORTATION CHARTERED AND TOTAL CAPACITY

None

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NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS TO PARTICIPATE

No information developed not already reported by referenced memorandum dated March 19, 1968.

IDENTITY OF DRIVERS; MAKE, MODEL, AND LICENSE NUMBERS OF CARS TO PARTICIPATE

None

ROUTE CARS ARE SCHEDULED TO USE

Not applicable

AREAS BUSES AND DRIVERS ARE TO DISCHARGE PASSENGERS UPON ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Not known at this time.

ADDRESS DEMONSTRATORS ARE TO REPORT TO UPON ARRIVAL

Not known- at this time.

REMARKS

None.

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From: SAC, COLUMBIA(157-4453)

Subject: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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Summary of Complaint:
Re Columbia airtel to Bureau, 3-19-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for Atlanta two copies of LHM. Also enclosed for Bureau are original and one copy each of the following newspaper articles:

(1) Article entitled "King's March Plan Causes New Worry," from The State, 3-23-68.

(2) Article entitled "King Plans Visit to Columbia During Tour of Southeast States," from The State, 3-22-68.

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ACTION: UACB:
☐ No further action being taken and
☐ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA _____
☐ LHM being submitted 1cc AT+LHM 906 9TD
☐ Report being submitted 1cc of each NPCLP 906 9TD
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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(3) Article entitled "Martin Luther King Plans Tour of State on April 3," from The Columbia Record, 3-21-68.

CONF. Source

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is BENJAMIN J. MACK, Field Secretary in S. C. for the SCLC, concealed at his request.

For information of Bureau, this project appears to have made little or no progress in South Carolina.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Columbia, South Carolina
March 23, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital the first week in April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

On March 21, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised as follows:

The Washington Spring Project (WSP) has made little or no progress in South Carolina, and there is no staff recruiting in South Carolina in connection with this proposed project.

Martin Luther King is tentatively planning to visit South Carolina for one day on April 3, 1968, in connection with the WSP. King will probably fly to Charleston, South Carolina, tour some counties in the lower part of the state, and end up in Columbia, South Carolina, where he will possibly address a public rally. During this day, King will meet and explain the purpose of the WSP.

Mrs. Bernice Robinson and Mrs. Septima Clark, both Negro females, reside at Charleston, South Carolina, where they work with the Voter Registration Project and the Citizenship Education Program which projects are sponsored by the SCLC.

Carl Farris of Atlanta, Georgia, is a staff member of the Citizenship Education Program and about two weeks ago Farris was visiting in Charleston, South Carolina, where he was working with the Voter Registration Project. Farris spends most of his time in Atlanta, Georgia, when he is not working in South Carolina.

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The above-mentioned three persons, while working in South Carolina in connection with these SCLC-sponsored projects, describe the purpose of the WSP with persons contacted; however, they are not actively recruiting for the WSP.

The attached page sets forth more detailed data relative to the WSP.

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Reporting office: Columbia

Names of individuals recruiting in South Carolina: No one known to be recruiting.

Address of Headquarters: No headquarters established.

Known number of individuals recruited to date: 0

Known names of individuals recruited: N/A

Estimated number of individuals recruited: 0

Number of buses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity: 0

Number of private cars to participate: 0

Identity of driver; make, model, and license numbers of cars to participate: N/A

Route cars are scheduled to use: N/A

Areas buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D. C.: N/A

Address demonstrators are to report to upon arrival: N/A

Remarks: None.

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King's March Plan Causes New Worry

By LEE BANDY
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Southern House Members may have a new problem in trying to delay consideration of the Senate civil rights bill until Dr. Martin Luther King and his demonstrators arrive here April 22.

There is serious talk now the Negro leader might be forced to postpone his poor peoples march until some time in May because the response to the demonstration has been less than anticipated.

This ironic possibility buoys the House Democratic leadership which has been urging members to accept the measure without any debate or hearings and send it to the White House for the President's signature.

The feeling of the proponents is that if the Senate civil rights protection and open housing legislation is approved before King arrives, some of the sting will be taken out of his campaign.

However, on the other hand, the Dixie Bloc believes it can kill the bill by holding the measure out until the march begins. Southern contention members will refuse to act under threat of intimidation.

With word leaking out King may have to postpone the march, Dixie members and some Republicans began taking a new look at their strategy.

"Our main concern is how long we can keep tying this thing up," a Southern member pointed out.

Reliable sources, who have access to the inside planning of the King march, told The State the Negro leader has not received the response he anticipated and has altered the original plans.

According to informants, the tentative program calls for only a few hand-picked demonstrators to arrive in town April 22 to submit certain demands to Congress.

They will include a guaranteed income for everyone, implementation of the President's Riot Commission Report, Jobs, and better housing.

The sources reported that King's marchers would use the expected rejection of the demands by congress to stir up their people and get support for the big march in May.

If that doesn't succeed, the the big march in May.

If that doesn't succeed, they said, the plan is for King to withdraw on account of illness and cancel the demonstration.

However, the fear is if this happens the black militants will move in and take over.

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King Plans Visit To Columbia During Tour Of Southeast States

By JIM D'AVIGNON
Staff Writer

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will visit Columbia April 3 as part of an extensive tour of Southeastern and Northern states.

Al Pertilla, a spokesman for King's Atlanta, Ga., headquarters said, "exact times and places (King's visit) are not known yet. As of this time, however, he will visit Columbia."

King is making the tour in connection with the S.C.L.C.'s Poor People's Campaign. He will visit several locations in South Carolina and will make two of three speeches.

The speeches will be open to the public, said Pertilla. King will speak to people in poverty areas as part of a campaign to dramatize the plight of some three million low income people in the U. S.

Organizers of the Poor Peoples Campaign say that King hopes to slowly increase pressure on the federal government for aid to poor people. His primary method will be the use of sit-ins and marches.

The current tour will culminate in a massive march in Washington on April 22. The march, King said, in December is aimed at forcing Congress and the administration to provide "jobs or income for all."

King said an initial force of 3,000 demonstrators, trained in nonviolent techniques, would seek "massive dislocation" of the capital "until America responds" to the needs of its poor.

The protestors, recruited in 10 major cities and five rural areas, would begin a "strong, dramatic and attention-getting campaign" in early April. He indicated, that the capitol and the White House would be among the "targets."

The civil rights leader acknowledged that the mood of many Negroes in the nation's ghettos made the campaign "risky," but he asserted that "not to act represents moral irresponsibility."

S. C. L. C. spokesmen said that King plans no marches or demonstrations in his April visit to South Carolina. During the midst of rioting in northern cities last July, King conducted a peaceful fund-raising rally in Charleston.

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ENCLOSURE

FD-350 (Rev. 7-16-63)

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Martin Luther King Plans Tour Of State On April 3

By THOMAS P. MAYES
Record Staff Writer

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, plans a whirlwind tour of South Carolina April 3.

A spokesman for King's Atlanta, Ga. headquarters indicated the former Nobel Peace Prize winner may visit Columbia on his one-day campaign.

In connection with the S.C.L.C.'s Poor Peoples Campaign, King plans to visit several communities, making two or three speeches.

No specific times or places have been announced.

King plans no demonstrations or marches in South Carolina during the visit.

His speeches will probably be open to the public, the S.C.L.C. spokesman said.

Last July during the midst of rioting in northern cities. King conducted a peaceful fund-raising rally in Charleston.

Benjamin F. Mack, state field director for S.C.L.C., said King may also visit South Carolina this summer.

Poor Peoples Campaign organizers say King wishes to dramatize the plight of some three million low income earning people in the United States. They say, using primarily sit-ins and marches, King hopes to slowly increase pressure on the federal government for aid to poor people.

In Charleston King said, "There are people right here in South Carolina who are starving."

On April 22, King and approximately 100 Civil Rights leaders will begin visiting U.S. congressmen and heads of government agencies.

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FBI

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304)(P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
(WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re CV airtel to Bureau, 3-19-68.

Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies of LHM re the WSP; copies are also being sent to Atlanta for its file on WSP, COMINFIL, SCLC and MARTIN LUTHER KING, and to Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York and WFO.

Copies are also being sent to USA, CV, Secret Service, CV, and local military intelligence agencies.

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(1 - 100-26792 COMINFIL, SCLC)
(1 - 157-293 MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 157-263 POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)
(1 - 157-1319 MICHAEL BIBLER)
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IDENTITIES OF SOURCES
USED IN LHM

CV T-1 is CV 376-S Same

CV T-2 is CV 768-R Same

This LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL as it contains data reported from CV T-1 and CV T-2 which could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

PROGRESS REPORT

As of 3-26-68, Rev. E. RANDEL OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER, the two WSP recruiters in CV, have been continuing their recruiting activity and giving out WSP posters and pamphlets. Rev. OSBURN is still very enthusiastic and full of spirit regarding this poor people's campaign and he feels he should be able to reach his 200 people quota to make this 4-68 trip to Washington, D. C. As of 3-26-68, it was known OSBURN had not recruited his 200 people, but there is no indication as to the number he has recruited.

Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING is scheduled to be in CV on 4-10-68 in connection with the WSP and it is felt that OSBURN and BIBLER are pushing hard to have a number of recruits by the time KING arrives here, so they can make a favorable report. No definite appraisal can be made at this time, as to the possible success the WSP will have in CV as Rev. OSBURN has not released any recruitment figures as yet.

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CONFIDENTIAL

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

March 26, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reference is made to Cleveland memorandum dated March 19, 1968.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the nation's capitol the first week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

"The Cleveland Press", a Cleveland, Ohio, daily afternoon newspaper of general circulation in its March 19, 1968, issue, page D-3, carried an article "Dr. KING PLANS TO RECRUIT HERE FOR D.C. PROTEST" which stated the following:

"Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be in Cleveland Apr. 10 to recruit support and participants for a demonstration over jobs and income for the poor in Washington, D. C.

"He will stop here during a tour from Mississippi to New York to Chicago in preparation for the Washington demonstration which is to start Apr. 22.

"A coalition of Negro, Puerto Rican, Indian, poor white and Mexican-American groups is being formed to join in the demonstration, it was announced by Atlanta headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which Dr. KING heads.

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"A steering committee for what is being called the National Poor People's Campaign includes persons from New Mexico, Texas, Georgia, West Virginia, California, Illinois and New York."

CV T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 21, 1968, that during a meeting of the Womens International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) held at Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on March 19, 1968, it was mentioned that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING's big "poor peoples march into Washington" would take place in April, 1968. Plans are for the poor Negro families and children to converge on Washington, D. C. and KING hoped that many whites would stand by to fill the ranks as Negroes are arrested and put in jail. One of the women at the meeting mentioned that some of the student groups from Cleveland planned to send some representatives to stand by.

Someone asked if there was an active group in Cleveland assisting KING in the plans and another individual answered that there was, but it was not a white group.

Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, advised on March 26, 1968, that his department had been contacted by the Metropolitan Police, Washingtn, D. C. to furnish them with any pertinent information regarding the WSP as it pertains to the Cleveland area. None of Sergeant UNGVARY's sources to date, have been able to develop any information as to the number of people recruited by the WSP, plans for travel to Washington, D. C., etc.; however, Sergeant UNGVARY will be alert for any information along this line.

CV T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, indicated on March 26, 1968, that he learned Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN, the WSP recruiter in Cleveland, has been working at WSP headquarters, 7902 Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, for the past two days on behalf of the WSP. OSBURN also has a young woman, name unknown, doing some of the clerical functions in this office.

WSP in Cleveland has been distributing posters to various stores for display purposes which were prepared by the SCLC about the "Poor People's Campaign - 1968"; also the WSP has been giving out pamphlets prepared by SCLC, 334 Auburn Avenue,

N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, entitled "Poor People's Campaign" and this appears to have been prepared professionally. This pamphlet gives information on how people can join this poor people's campaign, it welcomes all local organizations to join the WSP, it calls on both blacks and whites to participate, it points out the campaign will get under way in April, 1968 (no actual date shown) and lastly it requests all kinds of help as resources are very limited.

Source added that OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER, the other WSP recruiter, are continuing their recruiting activity and Reverend OSBURN still seems very enthusiastic and has a lot of spirit regarding the WSP, although he still does not have the 200 people for Cleveland's quota. Reverend OSBURN has not given any indication as to the exact number of people recruited, their identity, travel plans, etc.

The following is additional data relative to this project:

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reporting office	Cleveland, Ohio
Names of Individuals Recruiting in this area	Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER
Address of Headquarters	Park Lane Villa 10510 Park Lane Cleveland, Ohio (Rev. OSBURN's apartment) and 7902 Hough Avenue Cleveland, Ohio
Known number of Individuals Recruited to date	Unknown
Known names of Individuals Recruited	Unknown
Estimated number of individuals recruited	Unknown
Number of buses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity	None
Number of Private cars to participate	Unknown
Route cars are scheduled to use	Unknown
Areas buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D. C.	Unknown
Address demonstrators are to report on arrival	Unknown

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FBI

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Memphis, Mobile, WFO, and Jackson, dated 3/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Two copies of this letterhead memorandum are also enclosed for Atlanta, Jackson, Memphis, Mobile, and WFO.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to the U. S. Secret Service, military intelligence agencies, and U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

Confidential Informant T-1 is BH 422-R (Prob) (Ghetto). Confidential informant T-2 is Detective MARCUS JONES, Intelligence Squad, Birmingham Police Department (by request).

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
March 22, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On March 20, 1968, Mr. RALPH R. BANKS, District Attorney, Greene County, advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RALPH ABERNATHY, HOSEA WILLIAMS, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) arrived at the First African Baptist Church, Eutaw, Alabama, 5:15 p.m., March 20, 1968. Mr. BANKS stated that KING and his group departed Eutaw, Alabama, at 6 p.m. bound for Greensboro, Alabama.

On March 20, 1968, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, (SCLC) addressed a group of approximately five hundred persons at the First African Baptist Church, Eutaw, Alabama. This informant advised that KING spoke on the subject of the Washington poor peoples campaign and said that President JOHNSON was spending too much money in Vietnam and he should spend more on the poor people. KING stated that he expected approximately one half million people in Washington, D. C., for the demonstration and that SCLC would see to it that all expenses were paid. KING said that SCLC would not leave Washington, D. C. until Congress took appropriate action in regard to the Negro.

On March 21, 1968, Confidential Informant T-2 advised MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SCLC, RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC, and HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC, arrived at the Birmingham Airport, Birmingham, Alabama, at 9:35 p.m., March 20, 1968. They drove directly to Bessemer, Alabama, where MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., spoke briefly to a crowd of approximately six hundred

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persons at the New Zion Baptist Church, 1026 North 24th Street, Bessemer. KING stated that he is going to take part in a demonstration in Memphis, Tennessee on Friday, March 22, 1968. KING thereafter turned the meeting over to HOSEA WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS advised those present that SCLC will use church buses to transport recruits for the Washington Spring Project from the Birmingham, Alabama area to Washington, D. C. He said that Birmingham ministers will be asked by SCLC to donate their church buses for the project. The demonstrators who are recruited in Birmingham are to report to Lafayette Park in Washington, D. C., where they will set up a tent city. THOMAS EDWARD WRENN will be in charge of the Birmingham delegation at Washington, D. C. WILLIAMS also stated that he would like if possible to transport two Negro "shanty" houses from Alabama to Washington, D. C., and set them up near the Smithsonian Institute. T-2 said that WILLIAMS estimated that SCLC would raise $21,000 from Mississippi and $27,000 from Alabama to support this project. WILLIAMS said that 75 to 100 Indians and Mexicans from the southwest section of the country will meet in Jackson, Mississippi, during the week of April 22, 1968. Thereafter, together with the Negro demonstrators recruited in Mississippi, they will travel to Birmingham, Alabama. On April 24, and 25, 1968, this group will "camp-in" at Kelly Ingram Park in Birmingham. On April 26, 1968, combined groups from the southwestern states, Mississippi, and Alabama will march through the city of Birmingham and thereafter travel by bus to Atlanta, Georgia, and join up with the Georgia group. On the night of April 26, 1968, the demonstrators will "camp-in" at the Capitol steps in Atlanta. WILLIAMS said that the Teamsters Union will furnish all the food necessary for the demonstrators while they are in Washington, D. C. In conclusion, WILLIAMS said that "Congress will give in or the United States will be burned down".

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On March 21, 1968, Sergeant JFK Act 6 (4), Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, advised that at 1 p.m. he interviewed MOSEA WILLIAMS at the Birmingham Municipal Airport and WILLIAMS advised SMITH that because of inclement weather, Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., has cancelled his trip to southern Alabama. WILLIAMS told Sergeant SMITH that Reverend KING and his group would depart for Atlanta, Georgia, in a Cessnar aircraft #N3223Q at 2 p.m. and on March 22, 1968, they planned to fly to Memphis, Tennessee.

Sergeant SMITH stated that at 1:45 p.m. CST, he observed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and his party depart from the Birmingham Airport.

Appropriate local, county, State, and Federal authorities have been advised of the above information.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
March 22, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Birmingham letterhead memorandum to Bureau dated March 22, 1968.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C.

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

ON NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY LAST AT [redacted] ADVISED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PLANNED TO BE IN MEMPHIS, TENN., MORNING OF MARCH TWO ONE INSTANT IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN SANITATION WORKERS MARCH OR DEMONSTRATION THAT MORNING. KING PLANS TO RETURN TO GEORGIA DURING AFTERNOON MARCH TWO TWO NEXT. SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS RE ABOVE TRAVEL OF KING.

SOURCE ADVISED HE LEARNED ON MARCH TWENTY LAST THAT JAMES BEVEL, SCLC STAFF MEMBER IN MEMPHIS DURING CURRENT WEEK TO ASSIST SANITATION WORKERS IN PLANNING FURTHER ACTIVITY RE THIS STRIKE.

INFORMATION FROM AT [redacted] CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.

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(OO: ATLANTA)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM
(OO: WFO)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM regarding KING's visit to Miss., 3/19,20/68; two copies of LHM being furnished MIGp; one copy each being furnished OSI and USA, Jackson, and Secret Service, Jackson; one copy furnished USA, Oxford.

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Sources utilized in LHM are as follows:

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1.	JN 261-R Source	JN 170-485
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3.	JFK Act 6 (4) Source RI - PROB (GHETTO)	
4.	JN 378-R (PROB) Source	
5.	JN 199-R (PROB - GHETTO) Source	
6.	EDWARD POPE Cont. Source Hattiesburg PD (by request)	
7.	LUTHER MYLES Source RI - (GHETTO)	

SAs JAMES F. BODMAN, JR. and RALPH D. GARDNER observed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Greenwood, Miss., on March 19, 1968.

Agents who observed MARTIN LUTHER KING and his group at Thompson Airport, Jackson, Miss., on 3/20/68, were SAS STEPHEN R. CARR and DANIEL J. CONNELL.

This LHM is being classified confidential because of information furnished by Confidential Informants JN T-1 through JN T-4 whose identity, if revealed, could compromise their future effectiveness.

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JACKSON

At Jackson, Mississippi

Will follow and report regarding WSP as pertinent to Mississippi.

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Activity during the past week has been confined to meetings held by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in nine cities in Mississippi. The success of his recruiting is unknown at this time. It is noted he had limited response to his request for participants to take part in the Washington Spring Project (WSP) at the meetings held.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Jackson, Mississippi
March 21, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

On March 18, 1968, Mr. George Wells, Reservation Clerk, Delta Airlines, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that Martin Luther King and Andrew Young had reservations on Flight 566 from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Memphis, Tennessee, on March 18, 1968, arriving Jackson, Mississippi, at 7:13 p.m.

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On March 18, 1968, Chief of Detectives M. B. Pierce, Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that King and Young did not leave the plane during its stopover in Jackson, Mississippi.

On March 18, 1968, confidential source one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date, Martin Luther King, Jr. was President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

On March 18, 1968, this source again advised that Andrew Young was Executive Director of SCLC.

On March 18, 1968, a second confidential source advised that King and his group would return to Mississippi on March 19, 1968, to tour eight or nine cities in an attempt to get support in connection with his Washington Spring Project (WSP) to Washington, D.C. on April 22, 1968.

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ENCLOSURE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

On March 19, 1968, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following itinerary for Martin Luther King, Jr. regarding his trip to Mississippi:

Town	Time	Place
Batesville	11:00 a.m.	Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, extended end of Penolia Avenue
Marks	12:30 p.m.	Silver Grove First Baptist Church, Hemper Street
Clarksdale	2:00 p.m.	Chapel Hill Baptist Church, 303 Carolina Street
Greenwood	3:30 p.m.	Jennings Temple Church, Avenue G Street, (changed to Elks Club).
Grenada	5:00 p.m.	First New Hope Baptist Church, Bell Street
Laurel	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul Methodist Church, 517 Jefferson Street
Hattiesburg	8:30 p.m.	Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Spencer Street
	Wednesday, March 20, 1968:	
McComb	10:00 a.m.	Rose Hill Church in Magnolia

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Jackson 11:30 a.m. Masonic Temple,
1072 W. Lynch Street

SCLC - Martin Luther
King - President

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On March 20, 1968, Robert J. Myles advised that Martin Luther King, President of SCLC; Ralph Abernathy, Vice-President and Treasurer of SCLC; and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education of SCLC, arrived March 19, 1968, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Batesville, Mississippi, at 11:00 a.m., from Memphis, Tennessee. King spoke to a group of about 400 persons and departed at 1:20 p.m.

On March 20, 1968, Robert J. Myles, Highway 6, Batesville, Mississippi, advised that Martin Luther King appeared at the Mount Zion Church in Batesville, Mississippi, on March 19, 1968. Myles stated that Dr. King arrived in Batesville shortly before 1 p.m. and departed Batesville shortly after 1:20 p.m. He stated that Dr. King spoke to a group of approximately 400 individuals assembled at the Mount Zion Church.

Myles stated that Dr. King's speech centered around the forthcoming march in Washington, D.C. King encouraged individuals to participate in this matter; and the group, according to Myles, was very receptive to King.

The March 20, 1968, edition of "The Clarion-Ledger", page 7, a Jackson daily newspaper, contained an article that stated that one white man contributed a $100 bill during Martin Luther King's appearances at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Batesville, Mississippi.

On March 19, 1968, Aaron Henry, President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), furnished the following information:

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Martin Luther King, Ralph Abernathy, and Hosea Williams arrived at Valley Queen Baptist Church, Marks, Mississippi, at 1:45 p.m. March 19, 1968. All three spoke at that Church without incident, and they departed Marks at 2:10 p.m.

The above individuals arrived at Clarksdale, Mississippi, 3:15 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, 303 Carolina, and all three spoke to 500 to 600 people until 4:30 p.m. at which time they departed en route to Greenwood.

They asked for a show of hands regarding those who would participate in the Washington Spring Project (WSP) from Clarksdale area and two persons raised their hands.

On March 19, 1968, Martin Luther King arrived at 5:30 p.m. at Greenwood, Mississippi Airport, Greenwood, Mississippi, in a twin engine Cessna 411 Charter Aircraft bearing Identification Number N3223Q.

On March 19, 1968, the third confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that King spoke to a group of approximately 475 individuals at the Jennings Temple Church, Avenue G and Ash Streets, Greenwood, Mississippi. King advised his appearance in Greenwood, Mississippi, was to recruit poor people to go to Washington, D.C. King stated that their purpose was to recruit 3,000 to 6,000 unemployed to go to Washington and stay as long as possible, with new waves of people to come in every week. King advised that after an appropriate number of people were present they were going to make a massive march to "plague" Congress.

During the speech, King requested a show of hands as to the number of individuals who would be available to go to Washington, D.C. during April, 1967.

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At approximately 7:00 p.m. King and six other individuals were observed departing Greenwood, Mississippi Airport in the above aircraft en route to Grenada, Mississippi.

Police Commissioner Paul McKelroy, Grenada, Mississippi, Police Department, advised Martin Luther King, Jr. and party arrived via aircraft at the Grenada, Mississippi Airport at 7:30 p.m. March 19, 1968. King thereafter held a meeting of approximately 30 minutes at the Bellflower Baptist Church, Pearl Street, Grenada, before a group of approximately 175 - 200 individuals. King thereafter departed the Grenada Airport at 8:45 p.m. via the Cessna 411 Aircraft, registration number N3223Q, en route to Laurel, Mississippi, to hold a similar meeting. King was in the company of Hosea Williams, Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Leon Wilbert Hall, Dorothy Cotton, and an unknown young Negro male.

MISS. FLA. ALA. GA. SC. N.C. VA.

Mr. McKelroy advised that License Number 22-3381 is registered to the Bellflower Missionary Church, Grenada, Mississippi.

On March 20, 1968, a fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that when King appeared before the crowd of approximately 200 individuals, he asked for support of his poor peoples march in Washington, D.C. citing necessity for this march as a request for jobs and other benefits. When King requested individuals to stand up to show their support for his project and the identity of those who would participate, approximately 30 individuals responded.

Source advised that $61.60 was collected at the meeting for King's project. This money was turned over to King's associates and placed in a paper sack together with money already contained in the paper sack.

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Source stated that the crowd responding to King's meeting was small in comparison to those in the past that King and his associates had drawn, nor did King receive an overwhelming support for his proposed project.

Mr. McKelroy advised that King departed Grenada Airport, Grenada, Mississippi, at 8:45 p.m. in above described plane en route to Laurel, Mississippi.

On March 19, 1968, a fifth confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Martin Luther King arrived at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 517 Jefferson Street, Laurel, Mississippi, at approximately 10:00 p.m. on March 19, 1968, and delivered a 10 to 15 minute inspiring talk concerning the Washington Spring Project. King pointed out that the grandparents and parents of those present worked for nothing and as a result the present generation of Negroes have little or nothing. King warned that the grandchildren of those present will also have nothing if the Negro fails to act today and demand his God given and constitutional rights. He strongly encouraged the local Negro to rise up and join the Washington Spring Project. King explained that the purpose of the Washington Spring Project was to emphasize to the world that the American Negro, though he is an American citizen, he is not receiving the constitutional rights which are supposedly guaranteed to all American citizens but in reality are given only to American white citizens.

Source advised that the Church was crowded with approximately 300 persons and some 100 to 150 left before King's arrival as he was approximately three hours late arriving in Laurel. A collection was taken for King at the Church, the amount received unknown.

On March 19,20, 1968, a sixth confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Martin Luther King, President, Ralph Abernathy, Vice-President and Treasurer, Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, Dorothy Cotton, Director

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP) LEON WILBERT HALL

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

of Citizenship School, and Leon Hall, Project Director for the State of Mississippi, all SCLC, arrived at the Mount Zion Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, around 12:30 a.m. March 20, 1968. King made a short speech regarding the Washington Spring Project before a crowd of 750 persons. King stated a collection of $300 would have to be received before he would speak. The collection total was $345.00.

Source stated that King had a reservation for nine single rooms at the Holiday Inn South, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, cancelled his reservations, and departed Hattiesburg, Mississippi, en route to Jackson, Mississippi, at 3:14 a.m.

On March 20, 1968, Major T. Schiff, Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that King and his party registered at the Alamo Plaza Motel at 4 a.m.

On March 20, 1968, a seventh confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that King and his party arrived at the Masonic Temple, Jackson, Mississippi, 12:45 p.m. and he addressed a crowd estimated at about 400 persons. Source stated that King did not travel to McComb, Mississippi, which was a scheduled stop on his itinerary.

COLORED PEOPLE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF

On March 20, 1968, John Pierce, Reporter, Associated Press, Jackson, Mississippi, advised King and his party were greeted by Charles Evers, Director of the NAACP in the State of Mississippi, Lawrence Guyot, Chairman, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, a predominantly Negro political party within the State, and Geraldine Smith, State Chairman of the National Welfare Rights Organization. Hosea Williams stated the SCLC had just completed a strategy meeting and the date of the Washington Spring Project previously set as April 22, 1968, Washington, D.C., has been cancelled. He said King, Abernathy, Andrew J. Young, and other leaders of SCLC will go to Washington either April 23 or 24, 1968, where they intend to contact Congressional leaders, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary

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of Commerce, and expect to receive assurances of legislation to improve the plight of the Negro. They will present "SCLC's Economic Bill of Rights to Congressional leaders and Government officials".

On April 27 or 28, 1968, the "Beachhead Troops", people from all over Mississippi, will arrive in Jackson for a major mass meeting. They will then march through downtown Jackson and board buses provided by SCLC and will leave en route to Birmingham, Alabama. At Birmingham they will meet a group who had just completed a mass meeting and march through Birmingham and will proceed on to Atlanta, Georgia; Columbia, South Carolina; Durham, North Carolina; Richmond, Virginia; and will meet at a staging point at Alexandria, Virginia. At the same time groups will have departed from Boston, Detroit, Chicago, and Philadelphia, to staging points around Baltimore, Maryland. They expect to have a total of 3,000 people in this group who will stay in Washington for at least two weeks. Then they will be replaced by a second group and this will continue until enough pressure has been applied that Congress takes appropriate action. They will build a "City of Hope, a shantytown", in Washington, D.C., to house and feed all participants. They will stay in Washington by continuing to send waves of people until the Democratic Convention.

Abernathy and King spoke briefly and echoed same sentiments as Williams. King said professional groups, professional people, and industrialists throughout the country are being contacted for donations for this project. He did not comment on how much has been received.

On March 20, 1968, confidential source one advised that he attended the meeting at Jackson on this date and that from the eight speeches made by King and his staff in Mississippi on March 19, 20, 1968, a total of $1,000 was collected in donations. At each rally a donation was collected. Source had lunch with King's party following his meeting on March 20, 1968, along with Charles Evers, and King expressed disappointment over the small donations and the lack of enthusiasm.

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On March 20, 1968, confidential source two who also attended the above meeting at the Masonic Temple, furnished substantially the same information. This source stated that there appeared to be few volunteers available to go to Washington, D.C. Source stated that King appeared irritated over the lack of enthusiasm of his crowd at the Masonic Temple for his Washington Spring Project.

On March 20, 1968, the seventh confidential source advised that King expressed disappointment over the lack of enthusiasm and turnout for his speech at the Masonic Lodge on this date.

At 4:16 p.m., March 20, 1968, King, Abernathy, Williams, and Dorothy Cotton departed from Thompson Airport, Jackson, Mississippi, via privately owned plane as described previously, en route to Birmingham, Alabama.

The following circular was distributed in towns where King appeared:

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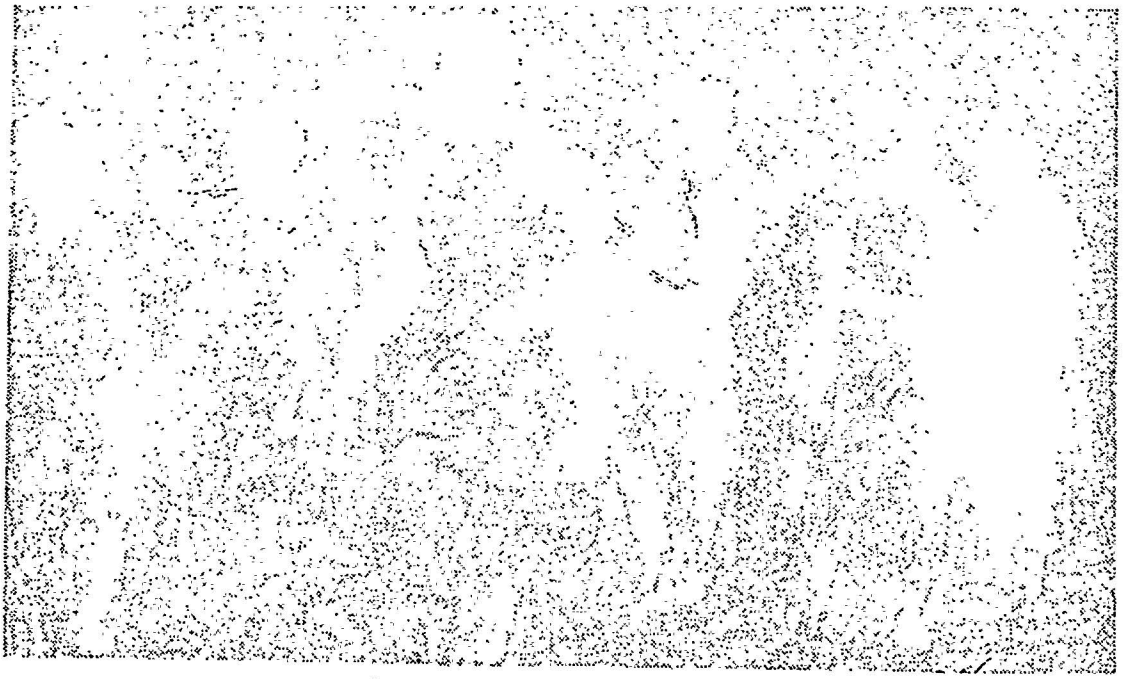
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

invites you to join us in the

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

Washington, D.C. Spring 1968



SCLC

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

The Poor People of America, demands:

- Decent Jobs and Income!
- The Right to a Decent Life!

For Information:

Poor People's Campaign
SCLC Mississippi Unit
P.O. Box 577
Grenada, Mississippi 38901

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Concerning Martin Luther King's visit to Mississippi, the following agencies were notified of his travels:

Dewey Weems, Investigator
Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol
Jackson, Mississippi

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives
Jackson Police Department
Jackson, Mississippi

Lee Rogers
Military Intelligence Group
Jackson, Mississippi

Aubrey Howe
Chief of Police
Batesville, Mississippi

Brewer Hays, Chief of Police
Marks, Mississippi

Curtis Lary, Chief of Police
Greenwood, Mississippi

John T. "Pat" Ray, Chief of Police
Grenada, Mississippi

L. C. Nix, Chief of Police
Laurel, Mississippi

Hugh W. Herring, Chief of Police
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Ben C. Collins, Chief of Police
Clarksdale, Mississippi

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236)(P)

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ReBHtel to Bureau, 3/20/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information concerning Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s speech at Eutaw, Alabama, on 3/20/68.

This letterhead memorandum has been disseminated locally to the U. S. Attorney, Secret Service, and military intelligence agencies.

For information of the Bureau, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 is BH 422-R(PROB-GHETTO) and T-2 is JOHN A. CHEATUM, Probationary Racial Informant - Ghetto.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
March 21, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
SPEECH BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., AT EUTAW, ALABAMA,
MARCH 20, 1968

On March 20, 1968, District Attorney Ralph R. Banks, Greene County, Alabama, advised that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived in Eutaw, Alabama, at approximately 5:15 p.m., March 20, 1968, and spoke to a crowd of approximately 400 Negroes at the First African Baptist Church. Banks advised that King arrived by plane which left soon afterwards and headed toward Marion, Alabama. King spoke for approximately 40 minutes and then traveled enroute to Greensboro, Alabama, via car.

On March 20, 1968, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 advised that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke to a crowd of about 400 to 500 Negroes at the First African Baptist Church in Eutaw, Alabama, on March 20, 1968. T-1 advised that King spoke about the upcoming demonstration in Washington, D.C., scheduled for April 26, 1968. Source advised that King stated that the "poor people" needed more help from the federal government and called for President Johnson to reduce spending in Vietnam and utilize these funds for the Negroes. T-1 advised that King expected approximately 500,000 persons in Washington, D.C., for this demonstration and urged all who could attend to do so. Source advised that King stated his organization would pay all necessary expenses and that they would not leave Washington, D.C., until Congress acted in their behalf.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJFCT
SPEECH BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., AT EUTAW, ALABAMA,
MARCH 20, 1968

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2 advised on March 20, 1968, that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived in Eutaw, Alabama, at approximately 5:15 p.m. and spoke to a crowd of approximately 500 Negroes. T-2 advised that King spoke for approximately 35 to 40 minutes and then left via car toward Greensboro, Alabama. This source furnished substantially the same information as furnished by T-1 above.

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March 21, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
SPEECH BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., AT EUTAW, ALABAMA,
MARCH 20, 1968

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead memorandum, dated
March 21, 1968, at Birmingham,
Alabama

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229)(P)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
OO: Atlanta

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 3/18/68.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) pertaining to the visit of Dr. KING in Los Angeles area from 3/16 - 18/68.

The source mentioned in the details of the LHM is identified as LA PRI 4045-Ghetto, who furnished the information orally to SA T. M. GARDNER on 3/17/68.

The LHM is being classified as "Confidential" because of information furnished by the above source, which if revealed, could lead to his identification and compromise an informant of continuing value.

The Los Angeles Division will ascertain if Dr. KING made contact with any other individuals while he was in Los Angeles.

1 ENCLOSURE

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A copy of this airtel and LHM is being furnished San Francisco and Memphis Divisions in view of their interest in Dr. KING.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Los Angeles, California
March 20, 1968

CONFIDENTIAL

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Lieutenant H. H. Fair, Anaheim Police Department, Anaheim, California, advised March 14, 1968, that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled to address the convention of the California Democratic Council at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California, at noon on Saturday, March 16, 1968.

Lieutenant H. H. Fair, supra, advised on March 16, 1968, that Dr. King appeared at a press conference at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California, that date. He stated that he never endorsed any presidential candidate, but spoke highly of Senator Eugene Mc Carthy, Minnesota, and indicated that he might endorse him as a presidential candidate in the 1968 election, claiming that he is passive, non-violent but militant against poverty and the Vietnam War.

Lieutenant Fair, supra, stated that Dr. King also appeared as the main speaker at the luncheon of the California Democratic Council which was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on the same date. Dr. King stated that if the Government would do something about Negro poverty in the winter time there would be less likelihood of summer violence. He also indicated that there would be a march on Washington, D. C., in April 1968 and the participants will conduct a "stay-in" at Governmental offices until the end of the congressional session to protest Negro poverty. He stated that it was ridiculous to spend money to kill Vietnamese in Vietnam and not help underpriveleged Negroes.

Lieutenant Fair, supra, stated that King left Anaheim at 2:30 p.m. for an unknown appointment in Los Angeles.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 17, 1968, that Dr. King spoke at an Elk's Club somewhere in Los Angeles on the afternoon of March 16, 1968. There he received donations for the Washington Spring Project in the amount of $6,000, in cash and an undisclosed amount in checks.

The "Los Angeles Times", a daily newspaper published in Los Angeles, California, in its issue of March 17, 1968, carried an article which quoted Dr. King while he was in Anaheim, California, on March 16, 1968. He stated, "The problem is the Government has many programs but nothing has been done." He stated that the spring demonstrations which he will begin in Washington, D. C., on April 22, 1968, are to appeal to the conscience of Congress to escalate the war on poverty and racism and de-escalate the war in Vietnam.

Officer J. Fredericks, Airport Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, advised on March 18, 1968, that Dr. King was staying at the Hyatt House Hotel, 5547 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, and would be leaving Los Angeles for New Orleans and Memphis about noon on March 18, 1968, via National Airlines.

The "Los Angeles Times", previously mentioned, in its issue of March 18, 1968, indicated that Dr. King had spoken at the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles On Sunday, March 17, 1968. He stated that it was time for someone in Washington to admit that a mistake has been made in Vietnam and that this nation is involved in a "senseless, reckless, immoral and unwinnable war." He also indicated white racism is "still a glaring reality in our country" and that Congress, dominated by the rural South "stands as a stubborn force in the way of social progress."

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Reference Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

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The attached relates to Washington Spring Project, Martin Luther King's effort to create poor peoples' demonstration Washington, D. C., April, 1968.

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of Department, military, Secret Service, and other appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND ATLANTA (100-5586), BIRMINGHAM, AND MOBILE

FROM JACKSON (100-161) (157-9097)

SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP). ~~RM.~~ RACIAL MATTER

MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT, RALPH ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, DOROTHY COTTON, DIRECTOR CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL, AND LEON HALL, PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR STATE OF MISS., ALL ~~SCLC~~ SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ARRIVED AT THE MT. ZION CHURCH, HATTIESBURG, MISS., AROUND TWELVE THIRTY AM MARCH TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT. KING MADE SHORT SPEECH REGARDING WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT BEFORE CROWD OF SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS. KING THEN CANCELLED RESERVATIONS FOR HIS PARTY AT A HATTIESBURG MOTEL AND DEPARTED HATTIESBURG ARRIVING JACKSON, MISS. THREE FOURTEEN AM. HE SPENT MORNING AT LOCAL MOTEL, JACKSON.

KING AND PARTY ARRIVED AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, JACKSON, TWELVE FORTY-FIVE PM AND HE ADDRESSED CROWD ESTIMATED OF ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED PERSONS.

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JOHN PIERCE, REPORTER, ASSOCIATED PRESS, JACKSON, ADVISED KING AND PARTY WERE GREETED BY CHARLES EVERS, DIRECTOR OF THE NAACP IN THE STATE OF MISS., LAWRENCE GUYOT, CHAIRMAN, MISS. FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY, A PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO POLITICAL PARTY WITHIN THE STATE, AND GERALDINE SMITH, STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. HOSEA WILLIAMS STATED THE SCLC HAD JUST COMPLETED A STRATEGY MEETING AND THE DATE OF THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT PREVIOUSLY SET AS APRIL TWENTY-TWO, WASHINGTON, D.C., HAS BEEN CANCELLED. HE SAID KING, ABERNATHY, ANDREW J. YOUNG, AND OTHER LEADERS OF SCLC WILL GO TO WASHINGTON EITHER APRIL TWENTY-THREE OR TWENTY-FOUR WHERE THEY INTEND TO CONTACT CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, AND EXPECT TO RECEIVE ASSURANCES OF LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THE PLIGHT OF THE NEGRO. THEY WILL PRESENT "SCLC'S ECONOMIC BILL OF RIGHTS TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS."

ON APRIL TWENTY-SEVENTH OR APRIL TWENTY-EIGHTH, THE "BEACHHEAD TROOPS", PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER MISSISSIPPI, WILL ARRIVE IN JACKSON FOR A MAJOR MASS MEETING. THEY WILL THEN

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MARCH THROUGH DOWNTOWN JACKSON AND BOARD BUSES PROVIDED BY SCLC AND WILL LEAVE EN ROUTE TO BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AT BIRMINGHAM THEY WILL MEET A GROUP WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED A MASS MEETING AND MARCH THROUGH BIRMINGHAM AND WILL PROCEED ON TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, COLUMBIA, S.C., DURHAM, N.C., RICHMOND, VA., AND WILL MEET AT A STAGING POINT AT ALEXANDRIA, VA. AT THE SAME TIME GROUPS WILL HAVE DEPARTED FROM BOSTON, DETROIT, CHICAGO, AND PHILADELPHIA, TO STAGING POINTS AROUND BALTIMORE, MD. THEY EXPECT TO HAVE A TOTAL OF THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE IN THIS GROUP WHO WILL STAY IN WASHINGTON FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS. THEN THEY WILL BE REPLACED BY A SECOND GROUP AND THIS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ENOUGH PRESSURE HAS BEEN APPLIED THAT CONGRESS TAKES APPROPRIATE ACTION. THEY WILL BUILD A "CITY OF HOPE, A SHANTYTOWN," IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO HOUSE AND FEED ALL PARTICIPANTS. THEY WILL STAY IN WASHINGTON BY CONTINUING TO SEND WAVES OF PEOPLE UNTIL THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

ABERNATHY AND KING SPOKE BRIEFLY AND ECHOED SAME SENTIMENTS AS WILLIAMS. KING SAID PROFESSIONAL GROUPS, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, AND INDUSTRIALISTS THROUGHOUT THE

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COUNTRY ARE BEING CONTACTED FOR DONATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT. HE DID NOT COMMENT ON HOW MUCH HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING AT JACKSON THIS DATE FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY SAME INFORMATION AS FURNISHED BY MR. PIERCE. THE SOURCE STATED THAT FROM THE EIGHT SPEECHES MADE BY KING AND HIS STAFF IN MISS., ON MARCH NINETEEN AND TWENTY, A TOTAL OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS COLLECTED IN DONATIONS. AT EACH RALLY A DONATION WAS COLLECTED. SOURCE HAD LUNCH WITH KING'S PARTY AFTERNOON THIS DATE ALONG WITH CHARLES EVERS AND KING EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE SMALL DONATIONS AND LACK OF ENTHUSIASM.

A SECOND AND THIRD SOURCE WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE THIS DATE, FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION AS FURNISHED BY MR. PIERCE. THERE APPEARED TO BE FEW VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE TO GO TO WASHINGTON. KING APPEARED IRRITATED OVER THE LACK OF ENTHUSIASM OF HIS CROWD AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE FOR HIS WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT.

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AT FOUR SIXTEEN PM KING, ABERNATHY, WILLIAMS, AND COTTON DEPARTED JACKSON FROM THOMPSON AIRPORT VIA A CESSNA, FOUR ZERO SIX TWIN ENGINE PLANE, WHITE WITH BALCK STRIPES, NUMBER N THREE TWO TWO THREE Q. FLIGHT PLAN FILED WITH FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY REVEALS HE IS TRAVELING TO BIRMINGHAM, EUTAW, AND GREENVILLE, ALA.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED OF DETAILS AND ALSO STATED THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH KING'S VISIT TO MISS. THE PAST TWO DAYS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REJNTEL MARCH NINETEEN AT ELEVEN FIFTY NINE PM AND JN PHONE CALLS TO BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE THIS DATE.

BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE FOLLOW KING'S ACTIVITIES, ADVISE BUREAU, AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

INFORMANTS BEING CONTACTED RE KING'S TRAVELS IN MISS., AND WILL BE SET OUT IN LHM. memo THE SOURCES MENTIONED ABOVE ARE: FIRST SOURCE JN TWO SIX ONE source - R; SECOND SOURCE THREE EIGHT SIX source - R (PROB), AND THIRD SOURCE LUTHER MYLES source (RI - GHETTO).

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-41)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-433) (P)

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE
MAJOR URBAN AREAS
WASHINGTON, D. C.
RM

Martin Luther King

Re WFO airtel and LHM of 3/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM captioned as above. Copies are being disseminated to Secret Service, the Assistant United States Attorney and local military intelligence agencies.

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The following is the coverage being utilized by WFO in captioned matter:

Liaison on a daily basis with the Intelligence Division of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the commanding officers of the MPD precincts, United States Park Police and local military intelligence agencies. Twenty-one Liaison Sources provide coverage of demonstrations by civil rights groups. The CP and related activities are covered by five security informants and ten panel sources. The Nation of Islam is covered by three racial informants, a security informant, and a symbol numbered Probationary Racial Informant (PRI). Racial matters are covered by five racial informants. Regular contacts are had with thirty-nine PRIs who reside in ghetto areas and are employed therein. These have all been informed of the urgent need for immediately furnishing WFO with all information which might show racial tension. Additional investigation is being conducted to develope more PRIs.

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The monitoring of MPD radio calls provides WFO with prompt and timely notice regarding conditions in the various MPD precincts.

All Criminal Informants and Potential Criminal Informants have been advised to immediately call WFO if they obtain any data concerning racial tension.

The Supervisory staff and all Special Agents of WFO have been made aware of the need for being constantly alert to pick up any information related to racial matters. This includes information received from individuals, radio and television news.

The following sources as reported in the attached LHM were contacted as follows:

SOURCE	CONTACTED BY SA
Source #1, is GRACE WESTFIELD SAUNDERS, PRI	HILMER H. KREBS
Conf. Source #2, is Father GENO BARONI, Liaison Source	JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR.
Conf. Source #3, is ERIC P. JONES, 1825 Florida Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.	JOHN T. ALDHIZER
Source #4, is WF 1827-S	PAUL E. MORRISON
Source #5, is JFK Act 6 (4), PRI	HILMER H. KREBS
Conf. Source #6, is ANNE TURPEAU, Liaison Source	HILMER H. KREBS
Conf. Source #7, is PHILIP R. GOODMAN, 738 Delafield, N. E., Washington, D. C.	WAYNE G. DAVIS
Conf. Source #8, is DAVID BUTLER, 912 Sixth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.	BERNARD E. BUSCHER JAMES W. GARTEN O. FRANKLIN LOWIE

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The enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" in view of information received from WF 1827-S (Source number four) which could reasonably result in the identification of this informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness of the informant.

STOKELY CARMICHAEL is on the Rabble Rouser Index, (RRI).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535
March 20, 1968

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POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE
MAJOR URBAN AREAS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

This current document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The information set forth is based on the comments and views of the individuals mentioned herein. These pertained to the racial situation as it existed at the time the comments and views were expressed. The possibility exists that the racial situation in any particular area in Washington, D. C., may change suddenly. Due consideration must be given this fact.

II. GENERAL RACIAL SITUATION

The individuals familiar with conditions existing in the ghetto areas in Washington, D. C., have advised as follows:

The racial situation is very uncertain. People are apprehensive about Dr. Martin Luther King's "poor people's campaign" which he plans to bring to Washington, D. C. (WDC) in April, 1968. Some believe the demonstration will be beneficial and will show the underprivileged that efforts are being expended in their behalf. A riot could happen over some unexpected incident as has happened in other large cities. Stokely Carmichael urged a gathering of people in WDC, on March 17, 1968, to arm themselves and that every black man in the United States should get a gun. Some

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people in WDC are not in sympathy with Dr. King's demonstration plans. WDC leaders are attempting to evaluate the potential of Dr. King's impact on WDC, in April. Howard University students began a sit-in at Howard University on March 19, 1968, protesting possible disciplinary actions against students involved in previous disruptive action on the campus.

III. CURRENT EVALUATION OF VIOLENCE POTENTIAL

Source number one who lives in the Northeast and works in the Northwest sections of WDC, advised as follows on March 11, 1968:

The racial situation in WDC appears to be very uncertain. Nobody knows what is going to happen in WDC and many people are scared. They are not sure what will happen when Dr. Martin Luther King's "poor people's campaign" begins in April. Even though Dr. King has asked the militants to stay out of the activities, there is no assurance the request will be honored.

The March 11, 1968, issue of the "Newsweek" magazine, page 45 contained a paragraph captioned "Washington". It stated Washington had never been considered to be a major racial tinderbox as much of its Negro population works for the Federal government and is insulated by civil service security from the worst chills of black despair. It stated Washington was facing the summer with nervous uncertainty, and Dr. King was bringing 3000 demonstrators to Washington to begin a summer-long campaign of picketing and marching for jobs and income.

The March 12, 1968 issue of "The Evening Star", a daily WDC newspaper, page B-1 reported that District Safety Director Patrick V. Murphy had said the Washington police hoped to train as many as 2,800 volunteers for emergency duty this summer in an enlarged "Police Reserve

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Corps". Most of them would be used for station duty and thus free additional policemen during emergencies.

The March 12, 1968 issue of "Washington Afro-American", a Washington, D. C. newspaper, page 12, reported that The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders had said that "Abrasive relationships between police and non-whites have been a major source of rioting in the racial ghettos of American cities".

On March 14, 1968, source number two who works in the ghettos of WDC and is acquainted with many of the under privileged advised as follows:

The "poor people's campaign" which is a demonstration being planned by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has been given the support of a number of the larger religious groups in WDC. The demonstration will show the underprivileged that much effort is being expended in efforts to improve their life. It is believed the demonstration will be beneficial. Plans are being made to have volunteers from among the demonstrators, who will agree to be arrested if necessary. It is not believed that any racial trouble will result from the demonstration.

Source number two further advised as follows:

Stokely Carmichael is in Washington, D. C. and has organized the Black United Front, (BUF), but it is not believed that Carmichael will have much support from BUF members if Carmichael decides to create violence in WDC. The majority of the BUF members are not expected to support any plans for racial violence.

On March 14, 1968, source number three who resides in the Northwest section of WDC advised as follows:

It is his belief that a riot could take place in WDC over some unexpected incident such as the arrest of a Negro. This has happened in the past in other large cities. Other than the above situation, the conditions are such that the source is optimistic about a riot-free summer in WDC.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Source number four who resides and works in the ghetto areas of Northwest WDC, advised as follows on March 18, 1968:

On March 17, 1968, Stokely Carmichael gave a talk at The Church of The Redeemer, 15th and Girard Streets, N. E., WDC at the invitation of the Fellowship Forum of the church. Among other things, Carmichael said the black people in the United States must connect with the 900 million black people of the "third world" to liberate themselves from the control of the white man. He described the "third world" as including the black people of Cuba, West Indies, Haiti, South America and Africa. He said the United States is planning genocide against the Negroes and for this reason Negroes should arm themselves. He said he did not mean a .22 caliber either. He advocated that every black man in the United States get a gun. He stated that if Negroes obtained an arsenal, relations between whites and blacks would be equal.

Source number four further stated as follows:

Carmichael said he realized many black people do not agree with his ideology and that there are many "Uncle Toms" in the community. Carmichael said his group proposes that if they develop information about a person "being that way", someone will talk to that person and attempt to change his mind and "if he does not change his ways, he will be considered a traitor to his community and all traitors die". Carmichael said black people should support the Arabs in any conflict between the Arabs and the Israelis. He said the WDC Public School System is 93% Negro and the curriculum must be changed to be more relative to the Negro community.

The March 18, 1968, issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald", newspaper on page B-3 reported that Stokely Carmichael had spoken to a racially mixed audience on March 17, 1968 at The Church of The Redeemer, WDC. Among Carmichael's comments to the group were "We are advocating simply that every black man in this country should get a gun. The only reason the honkie (white man) is able to rule is because he has a gun".

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The March 18, 1968 issue of "The Evening Star", a daily WDC newspaper on page B-3, reported that the District chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had voted to support the goals of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's "Poor People's Campaign".

Source number five who lives and works in the Northwest section of WDC, on March 18, 1968, advised as follows:

It is believed there are some individuals in WDC who may be inclined toward the creation of racial trouble in WDC, but these are not likely to initiate any actions toward the starting of trouble. The feeling among many in the Northwest ghetto is that in order for the "poor people's campaign" to be successful, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will have to bring in outsiders for his reported "civil disobedience" in WDC. In the event large numbers of outsiders are brought in, their behavior will be very difficult to control. Therefore anything may happen.

Source number one further advised as follows on March 18, 1968:

In the Northeast area near the source's residence, there has been a lack of enthusiasm by the WDC citizens for Dr. King's "poor people's campaign". These people are not in sympathy with Dr. King's plans as they fail to see that any benefits may result from any demonstration involving civil disobedience.

Source number six who resides in Northwest WDC and is employed in a Northwest ghetto area, advised as follows on March 18, 1968:

The foremost concern of people in WDC is the unknown potential for racial trouble which could take place when Dr. Martin Luther King and his "poor people's campaign" begins in WDC in April 1968. Many leaders of organizations in WDC are attempting to evaluate the current and future potential of Dr. King's impact on the racial scene of WDC. These leaders are very concerned and are trying to determine what response WDC citizens may give Dr. King.

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Source number seven who resides in the Northeast section of WDC and has a wide acquaintanceship in WDC advised as follows on March 19, 1968:

On March 19, 1968 at about 1:30 PM about fifty to seventy-five students began a sit-in in the lobby of the Administration Building, at Howard University to protest possible disciplinary action against students who had participated in previous disruptive activity on the campus.

On March 19, 1968, Sergeant Silas Vaughn, Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, advised that at about 4:45 PM, on March 19, 1968, approximately one hundred and fifty students were engaging in a sit-in in the Administration Building, Howard University and planned to remain all night. According to Sergeant Vaughn, Stokely Carmichael appeared briefly at the building, but did not participate in the sit-in and then departed.

THEFTS OF GUNS AND AMMUNITION

Source number eight who is employed in the Northwest section of WDC, on March 18 and 19, 1968 advised as follows:

The source has received at least 50 or more handguns of various types including automatic pistols, snub-nosed weapons and weapons with a long barrel, from an individual employed in WDC. The guns have been obtained from the Fall of 1967 to the present time. These were stolen guns.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: WFO)

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from NY 3810-S* on 3/19/68, concerning the Washington Spring Project. This information was developed during a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL.

For the information of the Bureau, during the above conversation, WACHTEL asked if LEVISON knew that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had called MARTIN LUTHER KING before he announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. He added, however, that they missed each other but that "he"

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(probably MARTIN LUTHER KING) spoke to BURKE MARSHALL (ph) and (WILLIAM) VANDEN HEUVEL (an associate of Senator KENNEDY) spoke to WACHTEL. WACHTEL said that "they want to know how far he's going with the other guy and so on". WACHTEL added that "they" did not ask for more than that at the moment. He said that KING agreed, that they must have "off the record" lines open and asked him, WACHTEL, to pursue the matter which WACHTEL agreed to do.

WACHTEL said that KING agreed with his suggestion that maybe this time "we" have to use them instead of vice versa.

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The sources used in this LHM are NY 694-S* to characterize STANLEY LEVISON and NY 1190-S* and the anonymous source in WFO report of SA JOHN WALSH dated 7/19/50, re: "NLG, IS - C", to characterize HARRY WACHTEL.

Three copies of this LHM are being sent to the 108th INTC Group, NYC, and one copy each to the Naval Investigative Service, and OSI.

Source

This LHM is classified "SECRET" because it contains information from NY 3810-S* a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "SECRET" because it contains a concentration of information from NY 694-S* in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

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Washington Spring Project
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 19, 1968, that on that date Stanley Levison contacted Harry Wachtel. Levison, referring to Martin Luther King's Washington, D.C. spring campaign, told Wachtel that the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy passed a generalized resolution on the (Vietnam) war and specifically endorsed the Washington campaign. He added that Tudja Crowder, whom he described as the new Executive Director of Sane, had contacted him and wanted to have a meeting on March 20, 1968, with a small group of the Sane Directors to have them briefed by someone from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to see how they can tie in. Levison felt this was important and said that, if there is an element of the peace movement they might get to join "this" (the Washington Project), it will be Sane.

Levison also mentioned that the Washington Jewish Community Council had endorsed the Washington Spring Campaign because Andrew Young, the Executive Vice President of the SCLC, had told them that the SCLC would notify the Police on anything they did. Levison questioned how Young could have promised this since he and Young had discussed how the building of "shanty towns"

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would have to be done at night without anyone knowing it. He added that a person who had attended a non-black minority conference (the 53 non -Negro minority group organizations, representatives from which met in Atlanta, Georgia, March 14, 1968, with Martin Luther King to plan for King's "Poor People's Campaign" campaign in Washington, D.C.) stated that "they" specifically said "they" were not going to notify the Police. Levison, apparently alluding to the Jewish Community Council, said it was left on the basis that there is a general sentiment to endorse the objectives but they would like to know more clearly what is going to be done and why. He said this is good because this is the Jewish establishment.

Levison described the Washington Jewish Community Council as the leaders of the Jewish Community Councils all over the country, all of whom are Democrats and "tied into the machines".

Levison referred to Jack Greenberg (Director of the Legal Defense and Education Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) stating that Greenberg, in his opinion, had come up with the best publicity idea thus far and that is to transport a cabin, which people live in, in Mississippi, to Washington, D.C. and present it as a gift to the Smithsonian Institute as showing the manner in which people live in America in 1968. Levison said that he, Levison, is pushing the "shanty town thing" but that Greenberg's idea is better. He added that he intends to see that Greenberg's suggestion is carried out.

Levison noted that their target in the Washington project is full employment. He said a victory in terms of "countable" jobs would be magnificent for King.

> A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early, 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain

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CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in this position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information in December, 1949, that Harry H. Wachtel, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on a list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which revealed that the name Harry Wachtel was on a list of names, significance not known , which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party (CP) at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife, Lenora, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed that her name and address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County CP.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr. is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND ATLANTA (100-5586)

FROM JACKSON (100-161) (157-9097)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP). RM.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT SCLC; RALPH ABERNATHY, VICE-PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC; AND HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC, ARRIVED MARCH NINETEEN INSTANT AT MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, BATESVILLE, MISS., AT ELEVEN A.M., FROM MEMPHIS. SPOKE TO GROUP OF ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED PERSONS, DEPARTED ONE TWENTY P.M. ARRIVED AT VALLEY QUEEN BAPTIST CHURCH, MARKS, MISS., AT ONE FORTYFIVE P.M., SMALL GATHERING AT MARKS, DEPARTED MARKS AT TWO TEN P.M. SPOKE AT ABOVE CHURCHES RE WSP MARCH.

INDIVIDUALS ARRIVED CLARKSDALE, MISS., THREE FIFTEEN P.M. THIS DATE, SPOKE TO SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE AT CHAPEL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, DEPARTING FOUR THIRTY P.M. EN ROUTE GREENWOOD, MISS.

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AT CLARKSDALE A SHOW OF HANDS WAS REQUESTED REGARDING THOSE WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN WSP FROM CLARKSDALE AREA TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND TWO PERSONS RAISED HANDS.

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ARRIVED GREENWOOD, MISS., FIVE THIRTYEIGHT P.M. IN CESSNA FOUR ONE ONE, PRIVATELY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT. SPOKE AT JENNINGS TEMPLE CHURCH, GREENWOOD BEFORE APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS. DEPARTED GREENWOOD SEVEN TEN P.M. VIA PRIVATE PLANE EN ROUTE TO GRENADA, MISS.

ARRIVED GRENADA, MISS., AT SEVEN TWENTY P.M., SPOKE AT BELL FLOWER BAPTIST CHURCH, GRENADA, BEFORE AUDIENCE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED PERSONS. DEPARTED GRENADA, MISS. AT EIGHT FORTYFIVE P.M. EN ROUTE TO LAUREL, MISS.

KING AND PARTY ARRIVED LAUREL, MISS, NINE FORTYONE P.M. AND SPOKE TO GROUP AT ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH. DEPARTED LAUREL ELEVEN ZERO ONE P.M. EN ROUTE TO HATTIESBURG, MISS. WHERE GROUP INTENDS TO SPEND THE NIGHT.

DURING ALL ABOVE SPEECHES KING STATED THAT HE MUST HAVE VOLUNTEERS FROM MISS. FOR HIS WSP "POOR PEOPLES MARCH", WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL TWENTYTWO NEXT. STATED SUCCESS OF THIS MARCH DEPENDS UPON COOPERATION OF PEOPLE AS PARTICIPANTS FROM MISS. TO THIS MARCH.

KING AT ALL CITIES TOLD GROUPS THEY SHOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT FOOD AND FINANCES AS "WE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU IN WASHINGTON." HE

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SAID "WE WILL BUILD OUR OWN TOWN IN WASHINGTON AND WE MUST HAVE A LARGE DELIGATION FROM MISS."

APPROPRIATE LOCAL AND STATE AGENCIES AT ABOVE LISTED CITIES WHERE KING APPEARED STATED NO INCIDENTS REPORTED RE KING'S VISIT.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

JACKSON INFORMANTS ATTENDED MEETINGS AND DETAILS WILL BE OBTAINED AND FURNISHED BUREAU IN LHM.

BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED MARCH TWENTY, NEXT OF KINGS DEPARTURE AND ITINERARY.

KING WILL VISIT JACKSON AND MEET WITH DELIGATION AROUND ELEVEN THIRTY A.M. BEFORE DEPARTING MISS.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670), ATLANTA (100-5586), MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (100-161)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C.

RE JACKSON TELCALL TO MEMPHIS, THIS DATE AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, MARCH EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

DELTA AIRLINES, FLIGHT FIVE SIX SIX, ARRIVED JACKSON, MISS., MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, SEVEN THIRTEEN P.M., THIS DATE AND DEPARTED FOR MEMPHIS, TENN. AT SEVEN THIRTYTHREE P.M.

DR. KING, PRESIDENT AND ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VP OF SCLC WERE NOT OBERVED LEAVING PLANE. NO NEGROES DEPARTED FLIGHT AT JACKSON.

JACKSON SOURCES INDICATE KING PLANS TO RETURN TO MISS. A.M., MARCH NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, TO TOUR MISS. ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT AND EXPECTED TO STAY THROUGH MARCH ~~TWNTI$PP~~ TWENTY

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY PHONE, THIS DATE.

MEMPHIS ADVISE JACKSON RETURN DEPARTURE TIME FOR JACKSON.

LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED.

JACKSON WILL ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICES WHEN KING DEPARTS MISS., MARCH TWENTY NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU MARCH ONE EIGHT INSTANT CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

AT [redacted] JFK Act 6 (4) ADVISED AT NOON MARCH ONE EIGHT INSTANT THAT INFORMATION HAD COME TO HIS ATTENTION DURING THE MORNING OF THIS DATE SUGGESTING THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WILL ENDEAVOR TO BE IN MEMPHIS, TENN., LATE AFTERNOON MARCH ONE EIGHT INSTANT. SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS.

INFORMATION FROM AT [redacted] JFK Act 6 (4) MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. MEMPHIS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM: LOS ANGELES (100-57229) 2 P

MARTIN LUTHER KING; SM - C.

ANAHEIM CALIFORNIA PD ADVISED TODAY KING APPEARED PRESS CONFERENCE DISNEYLAND HOTEL, ANAHEIM STATING HE NEVER ENDORSED ANY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. SPOKE HIGHLY OF SENATOR EUGENE MC CARTHY STATING HE MIGHT ENDORSE HIM AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ELECTION. CLAIMED HE IS PASSIVE, NON-VIOLENT BUT MILITANT AGAINST POVERTY AND VIETNAM WAR. ALSO APPEARED AS SPEAKER AT CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL LUNCHEON, ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER. KING STATED IF U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT NEGRO POVERTY IN WINTER THERE WOULD BE LESS LIKELIHOOD OF SUMMER VIOLENCE. STATED THERE WILL BE MARCH ON WASHINGTON D.C. APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND PARTICIPANTS WILL CONDUCT "STAY-IN" AT GOVERNMENT OFFICES UNTIL END OF CONGRESSIONAL SESSION TO PROTEST NEGRO POVERTY. STATED RIDICULOUS TO SPEND

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MONEY TO KILL VIETNAMESE IN VIETNAM AND NOT HELP UNDERPRIVELEGED NEGRO.

KING LEFT ANAHEIM TWO THIRTY PM FOR UNKNOWN APPOINTMENT IN LOS ANGELES. ANAHEIM PD ADVISED BY LAPD INTELLIGENCE KING LEAVES LOS ANGELES FOR NEW ORLEANS MARCH EIGHTEEN NEXT AT TWELVE THIRTY PM ON NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THIRTY FOUR.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-31418)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Detroit airtels and LHMs to the Bureau, dated 3/8/68 and 3/12/68, and Detroit teletype to the Bureau and other offices, dated 3/15/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies, Atlanta two copies, and one each for information purposes to Los Angeles, New Orleans and Jackson, of an LHM re above matter.

Source #1 is Chief JACK E. ROH, Grosse Pte., Mich., Police Department (protect by request). Source #2 is DE 1125-R (PROB).

Itinerary concerning KING's future travel were set forth in referenced Detroit teletype.

While in Detroit, Mich., KING is residing in a suite of rooms at the Statler Hotel, Detroit.

The LHM is classified confidential to protect the identity of the sources utilized.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Detroit, Michigan
March 15, 1968

Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Source Number One, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised of the following information relating to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s appearance at Grosse Pointe High School, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, on March 14, 1968:

King's appearance was arranged and sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Human Relations Council. Prior to and during King's appearance, approximately 200 pickets from Breakthrough demonstrated in front of Grosse Pointe High School.

Source Number Two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that Breakthrough is an ultra-conservative group under the direction of Donald Lobsinger, which group passes out literature and demonstrates against various left wing as well as Communist sponsored affairs held in the Detroit area.

Source Number One stated King's speech dealt primarily with the future integration in the United States. He continually stressed his position of non-violence and elaborated at length on the social problems facing the Negro in America today.

During the course of the speech King, in passing, briefly mentioned his plans for a Washington, D.C. camp-in in April, 1968. He stated he wanted it understood his plan is not to "tie up and shut down" the City of Washington, D.C.,

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but he is using this action to "dramatize the plight of the poverty stricken Negro". He did not further elaborate nor give any detailed plans for the recruiting or the techniques he would be using to bring about success in this project.

During King's speech Donald Lobsinger, supra, was ejected from the meeting because of his heckling of King. He refemed to King as a "traitor" because of his views on the conduct of the Vietnam war. Also two or three other individuals allegedly affiliated with Breakthrough, were escorted from the meeting for heckling and causing a disturbance. The individuals ejected were not permitted to re-enter the meeting.

Source advised that King was warmly received by those present which numbered in excess of 2,500 people. He stated the group was composed of predominately white people with a smattering of Negro people in attendance.

Source Number One further added that other than the above minor disturbances, King's appearance at Grosse Pointe High School was without serious incident.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM. BUREAU FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT, ATLANTA FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO NINE TWO FOUR.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, BUREAU FILE ONE HUNDRED - ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO, ATLANTA FILE ONE HUNDRED - FIVE FIVE EIGHT SIX.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL AND LHM MARCH ONE LAST CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

ON NIGHT MARCH FOURTEEN LAST AT [redacted] JFK Act 6 (4) ADVISED THAT DURING SCLC STAFF MEETING MARCH THIRTEEN LAST MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., EXPRESSED DESIRE TO AVOID MAKING PENDING TRIP TO AFRICA. HE SAID HE FELT WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT REQUIRED CONTINUED ATTENTION ON HIS PART. ALSO SAID HE CONTEMPLATED HAVING RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC, GO TO UKYICA IN HIS PLACE. KING STATED HE DID NOT KNOW IF HE COULD AVOID MAKING AFRICAN TRIP BUT

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Date: 3/15/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)
(ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-2298)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM

Re Newark airtel, 3/8/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

Conf Source

The source referred to in the enclosed LHM is HUGH X. CONNELL, brother of SA BERNARD J. CONNELL of the Newark Office. Mr. HUGH X. CONNELL is a prominent Catholic layman and is presently Newark Archdiocesan President of the National Council of Catholic Men and it was in this capacity that he received the material described in attached LHM.

Relative of Conf Source

Enclosed for offices listed below are two copies of above described LHM for their information.

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C. C. Bishop

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI; SEC. SER:

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ANALYSIS

Information just developed by Newark showing the utilization in this division of a Roman Catholic Negro parish and its facilities is so recent that a current analysis cannot be made.

Newark will follow this development closely through established sources.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Newark, New Jersey
March 15, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital the first week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

A source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information made available on March 15, 1968, a letter dated March 9, 1968, which reads as follows:

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Newark Area Headquarters
44 Belmont Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

March 9, 1968

Dear Sir,

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has announced that he will lead a "poor peoples' campaign" in Washington, D.C. this spring. This campaign will demand that the Congress of the United States take immediate action to provide jobs or income for the nation's more than 60 million poor. As you must well know, the question of poverty is the crucial issue facing this country today. It threatens to literally tear the United States apart at the seams. Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference feel that the clergy has a moral obligation to take the lead in the quest of social justice and to reweave the moral fabric of this nation. The job is massive and the time is short, we must act now. I'm sure that that point isn't debatabe. The question is, what can we do? Dr. King has dispatched organizers into fifteen major urban areas across the nation to bring poor people to Washington in April, 1968. They need your assistance to do their job. Attached is a leaflet designating who the SCLC representative is in your area and where you can get in touch with him.

Please call him for further information.

Herman Jenkins

Rev. Herman Jenkins, SCLC
Organizer

Southern Christian Leadership Conference Atlanta Ga.

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The leaflet attached to Herman Jenkins letter dated March 9, 1968, is as follows:

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Join the POOR PEOPLE'S WASHINGTON CAMPAIGN



APRIL, 1968

SPONSORED BY THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT

The Poor People's Washington Campaign is being organized as a last resort in awakening Congress to the needs of this nation's poor - both black and white. The goal of this campaign is for congressional action to help millions of America's poor people of every race and creed.

The smoldering anger rising in the poor of this nation can be channeled into an effective militant movement in Washington and elsewhere.

Rev. Herman Jenkins has been dispatched to Newark by Dr. King to co-ordinate and organize the poor people of Newark for this campaign.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:

Rev. Herman Jenkins, SCLC organiz

Queen of Angels
44 Belmont Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07103
Call 248-0545 or 824-1614

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The current telephone directory covering Newark, New Jersey, shows that telephone numbers 248-0545 and 824-1614 are both assigned to Monsignor Thomas J. Carey, of Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church. Monsignor Carey is the pastor of Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church located at 44 Belmont Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, in the heart of the Central Ward of Newark. Queen of Angels Church ministers primarily to the Negro population in the Central Ward area. All the priests assigned to this parish are white.

The attached page sets forth more detailed data relative to this project.

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Reporting Office	Newark
Names of individuals recruiting in your district:	Alfred R. Sampson Herman Jenkins
Address of Headquarters	44 Belmont Avenue, Newark, New Jersey
Known number of individuals recruited to date:	No data
Known names of individuals recruited:	No data
Estimated number of individuals recruited:	No data
Number of buses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity:	No data
Number of private cars to participate:	No data
Identity of driver; make; model and license numbers of cars to participate:	No data
Route cars are scheduled to use:	No data
Areas buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D.C.:	No data
Address Demonstrators are to report to upon arrival:	No data
Remarks:	No additional pertinent information.

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FBI

Date: 3/12/68

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (157-2246) P

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
(OO:WFO)

Re Richmond airtel 3/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, for WFO, Jackson, Birmingham and Mobile 2 copies each of LHM regarding activities in the Richmond - Petersburg, Va., area in connection with captioned project.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished Jackson, Atlanta, Birmingham and Mobile since additional information is contained herein regarding the possibility of persons from Alabama and Mississippi coming to the Richmond area to participate in Washington Spring Project (WSP).

One copy of this LHM is being furnished locally to U. S. Secret Service and 109th MIG, Richmond, Va., and to USNISO, Norfolk, Va., via FD-342.

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Source used in LHM is HERBERT VANLOT COULTON, Petersburg, Va., who is protected because requested. He has been previously identified by a reliable Atlanta informant as Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Field Representative in Va.

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It is noted the enclosed LHM indicates information received from a first and second source when in fact these sources are the same person. This is done to further protect the source since it is anticipated that in the future considerable information will be attributed to him which can be recognized as coming only from Headquarters of SCLC.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Richmond, Virginia

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

March 12, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 5, 1968, that James Gibson, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Representative from National Headquarters of SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, is presently attempting to recruit participants for the Washington Spring Project (WSP) in the Virginia Counties of Amelia, Brunswick and Lunenberg.

A characterization of SCLC is attached hereto.

It is stated this recruiting drive, aimed at attracting persons in the hard-core unemployed and low income employed groups, has not been too successful. Persons approached have been asked to attend and participate in captioned activities at Washington, D.C. A lack of funds needed to obtain the required transportation is a major problem.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that the participation of people from Mississippi and Alabama in WSP in the Richmond - Petersburg, Virginia, area, is still in a very nebulous planning stage.

It appears that Leon Hall, Greneta, Mississippi, is actively engaged in the formulation of such plans. These tentative plans call for a march by these persons with persons from Petersburg, Virginia, from Petersburg to Richmond, Virginia. This march is to be conducted on or about April 22, 1968, the announced date that a SCLC sponsored march from Baltimore, Maryland, to Washington, D.C., will take place as a kick-off for WSP.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On March 4, 1968, Reverend Everett E. Smith, Richmond, Virginia, a member of the State Board of Virginia of SCLC, advised he has been in close contact with Dr. Martin Luther King regarding plans for the latter's visit to Virginia on March 30, 1968. These plans, which are subject to change, are that Dr. King will visit Danville, Virginia, and Prince Edward County, Virginia, on the latter date. He will appear at a rally held at a Negro church in Richmond, Virginia, later in the day of March 30, 1968. According to Reverend Smith, the purpose of Dr. King's visit to Virginia is to stimulate interest and participation in the WSP as well as to promote the interest and growth of SCLC.

Reverend Smith and other sources, who are in a position to learn of activities in connection with WSP. have advised generally that they do not anticipate that promotion of WSP will be too successful in the Richmond area. They based their opinions on past experiences in this type of activity. They advised these have not been too successful in the past, describing race relations in the Richmond area as good.

They pointed out that there exists in Richmond a "middle-class complacency" that has prevented a concerted or mass united effort in the promotion of activities designed to better the conditions of Negroes in the community. This "complacency", they feel, is based on the fact there are jobs for Negroes, and this group is, compared to other areas, economically well off. They pointed out, further, that Negroes have been and are being hired in City jobs and in other positions formerly available only to persons of the white race.

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APPENDIX

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

The November 19, 1960 issue of "The Richmond Times-Dispatch" reported that approximately sixty Negro church, professional and lay leaders throughout Virginia met on November 18, 1960 in Petersburg, Virginia and organized the Virginia Christian Leadership Conference (VCLC) for the purpose of "Bringing about civil rights for all."

It was pointed out that VCLC is an affiliate of the SCLC of Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of SCLC was reported to "redeem the soul of America by creating the beloved community through organization, by consent of population, for the purpose of creative protest by education, training, developing leadership based on Christian non-violent principles."

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TO: Director, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (157-2476)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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OO: Washington Field

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Remytels, 3/11, 12/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum. Information copies furnished MI, OSI, NISO, Secret Service, and USA, EDPa.

Confidential Informant PH T-1 is Lieutenant GEORGE FENCL, Philadelphia Police Department, Civil Disobedience Unit, who requested his identity not be disclosed outside the Bureau.

Confidential Informant PH T-2 is PH 501-R (Ghetto).

Bureau will be kept advised.

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2 - Philadelphia (157-2476)
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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March 12, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the nation's Capitol the first week of April 1968 (subsequently changed to April 22, 1968) in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

Confidential Informant PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised March 11, 1968, that the Rev. JAMES ORANGE, SCLC Director in Philadelphia, said that date that KING would be in Africa for about 10 days early in April 1968. KING upon his return to the United States would come to Philadelphia to rest and make further preparations for the Washington Spring Project, which is now scheduled to take place April 22, 1968, in Washington, D.C. KING is concerned about the safety of his followers and KING's people are concerned about his safety. Present plans according to ORANGE state that participants in the march will leave from their respective cities and join other groups as they pass through cooperating cities en route to Washington, D.C., to arrive at Washington, D.C., April 22, 1968.

The Philadelphia contingent will join the group which would originate in Boston, Mass., April 19 or 20, 1968, which would increase as this original group went to New York City by bus, walked through the city of New York joined by others; walked to Newark through the city with additional Newark people; then by bus to Trenton, N.J., through the city with additional participants and then by bus to Philadelphia.

KING would join the group in North Philadelphia and walk through the city to the airport at the southwest

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extremity of the City of Philadelphia. KING would then leave the group and fly to Washington, D.C., while the marchers would walk on to Chester, Pa., picking up additional people during the walk and thence by bus to Wilmington, Del. The enlarged group would then walk through Wilmington and then go by bus to Baltimore, Md., where they would walk through town and then ride by bus to the outskirts of Washington, D.C. They would then be led through Washington, D.C., by KING to the "cherry blossom" area. The entire group joined by others from the rest of the United States would camp in Washington, D.C., until Congress meets KING's demand.

Confidential Informant PH T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 11, 1968, that he had been to SCLC Philadelphia Headquarters and the general conversation of the office personnel indicates that the staff is not receiving an enthusiastic response to the project in the city. He said, however, this is his opinion and only based on his conversation with the staff.

On March 12, 1968, PH T-1 advised that ORANGE on that date stated that HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC leader presently assigned Washington, D.C., and one of KING's top lieutenants, would be in Philadelphia March 15, 1968, to make further and finalize plans for WSP for the Philadelphia contingent. ORANGE had talked of a tentative route to march through Philadelphia; however, ORANGE is not allowed to make definite plans without the approval from top level SCLC personnel.

The attached sheet sets forth additional data relative to WSP.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reporting office: Philadelphia

Names of individuals recruiting in your district:

JAMES ORANGE, Project Director
WILLIE TABB, Student Director
D.J. TAYLOR, Office Administrator
CAROL TABB, Field Secretary

Address of Headquarters: 2101 Diamond Street

Known number of individuals recruited to date: No numbers known

Known names of individuals recruited:

TAYLOR, mentioned above, is Philadelphia resident

Estimated number of individuals recruited:

Impossible at this time to make reasonable estimate.

Number of buses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity:

ORANGE previously talked of two buses with 50 passenger capacity.

Number of private cars to participate:

Nothing of this nature stated by ORANGE

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Identity of driver; make, model, and license numbers of cars to participate:

Not known

Route cars are scheduled to use:

Not known (ORANGE indicated Boston, Mass.; New York City, N.Y.; Newark, N.J.; Trenton, N.J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Chester, Pa.; Wilmington, Del.; Baltimore, Md.; and Washington, D.C.)

Areas buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D.C.:

"cherry blossom" area

Address demonstrators are to report to upon arrival:

Not known.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304) (P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re Cleveland airtel and letterhead memorandum to Bureau, 3/1/68, and Bureau form 0-7 to Cleveland, 3/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM regarding the WSP; copies are also being sent to Atlanta for its file on WSP, Cominfil SCLC and MARTIN LUTHER KING, and to Cincinnati and WFO for their files on WSP.

Copies are also being sent to the U.S. Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio; Secret Service, Cleveland; and local military intelligence agencies.

C. C. - Bishop

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3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3) (RM)
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(1 - 100-5586, MARTIN LUTHER KING)
2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Washington Field (Enc. 2) (RM)
8 - Cleveland
(1 - 100-26791 Cominfil SCLC)
(1 - 157-293 MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 157-263 Possible Racial Violence)
(1 - 157-1319 MICHAEL BIBLER)
(1 - 157-1320 E. RANDEL OSBURN)
(1 - 170-39)

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Identities of Sources Used in LHM

CV T-1 is CV 768-R Same

This LHM is classified confidential as it contains data reported from CV T-1, which could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

PROGRESS REPORT

As of this date information received indicates Rev. E. RANDEL OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER, who are in charge of the WSP in Cleveland, have been spending some of their time on recruiting activities for the WSP, but the bulk of their activity has been on two other projects; namely, Operation Breadbasket and a strike at St. Luke's Hospital of the Building Service and Maintenance Union, which was recently settled. Now that the strike is settled, OSBURN and BIBLER can devote more time to the WSP to recruit the 200 people to travel to Washington, D.C., in April, 1968.

Reportedly Rev. OSBURN is very hopeful of recruiting these 200 people as he does not feel it is a large number to obtain as he has recruited larger numbers of individuals in the past for other projects.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio
March 12, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reference is made to Cleveland memorandum dated February 23, 1968.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the nation's Capital the first week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

"The Call and Post", a weekly Cleveland Negro newspaper of general circulation in its March 2, 1968 issue, page 4B, the editorial and feature column page, had an article by the editor of the paper, Mr. WILLIAM O. WALKER, captioned, "King Should Reconsider His March on Washington." This article then stated as follows:

> "The old cliche is: 'Don't bite off more than you can chew.' I was thinking about this as I read that Dr. Martin Luther King was touring down in Alabama trying to recruit participants for his 'Poor Peoples Campaign,' destined to march on Washington in April.
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> "When I first heard about Dr. King's proposed march on Washington and his plans for camping his followers in the public parks, I felt he had been ill advised to embark on a project that at best, could be only a publicity gimmick.
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> "Dr. King, no matter how much compassion he may have for his fellowman, must look at all the facets of the problem and not be swayed by just one side.

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"Getting 3,000 poor, unemployed folks to pick up and leave their homes, humble as some of them may be and, for an indefinite period, to live out in the open, requires more than enthusiasm and dedication.

"Granting that Dr. King finally succeeds in getting 3,000 people to Washington, since they are poor and without adequate funds for their sustenance, how is he going to feed them every day? Where is he going to house them every night? What about their health problems? Their legal problems? The problems of discipline Where is the money for all of these things going to come from?

"If I understand Dr. King's program, he says he is going to keep his followers in Washington indefinitely. Let's take a short period of 14 days. Feeding each person will cost at least $1.00 a day. This then, is $3,000. In April weather even in Washington, these people will have to have some kind of shelter over their heads at night. If he can get this for $1.00 per person per night, he will be lucky. This is another $3,000 per day. To provide other necessities that people require each day, will cost a minimum of 50¢ per person a day. This adds another $1,500. So, at the lowest possible estimate, each person will cost $2.50 per day. For 3,000 people, this adds up to $105,000 for just 14 days.

"Then, there are the expenses of Dr. King's staff and other functionaries. The traveling expense of these people going and coming. The whole thing will add up to a staggering amount of somebody's money.

"How does Dr. King propose to raise this money? Moving on faith is one thing, but, 3,000 people, no matter how much faith they have, need food and shelter. Somebody will have to produce this in fact, not theory.

"Since most, if not all of the people Dr. King is trying to recruit are poor and unemployed, wouldn't it be better to try to get these people into training programs in their local communities? Granting that some southern communities may not have such federally financed programs, isn't it better to petition the government to provide them rather than taking these people off on a wild goose chase to Washington where, no matter what happens, they will have to go back to their home communities for whatever benefits they are to eventually receive.

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"Since lobbying for meaningful civil rights legislation is the announced goal of Dr. King's efforts, isn't he really using these unfortunate people who can least afford the time or money, as human pawns. Inspiring them with promises as an inducement to get their participation, is creating a false hope of personal reward before they return home. If they return home disillusioned and empty handed, they become prime examples of futility in their communities.

"This must not be permitted to happen. The best way to prevent it, is not to take them to Washington in the first place. If a demonstration of power or force or whatever you want to call it, is deemed necessary in Washington, then let those who can afford it march on Congress and the President. Past efforts have proven that sizeable numbers can be induced to turn out for a just cause.

"I am afraid Dr. King's venture is frought with many dangers and problems. The Negro has a just cause. There is urgent need for putting pressure at every point in our civil rights fight to achieve meaningful results. This pressure should be pushed at the local, state and national levels. Every resource at the Negro's command should be pressed into the fight.

"On this, Dr. King or no one else will find any opposition. However, doing something just for the publicity of it and, using unfortunate human beings, is just going too far.

"It would be most unfortunate if what happened to the bonus marchers in the late twenties during the Hoover administration, happened to Dr. King's marchers. Unfortunately, the present feeling of a large segment of white people is to use the police force and, even the National Guard and the U.S. Army to supress any riots. You can see from the way the National Guard acted recently in Orangeburg, S.C., what to expect in any future riots. Every law enforcement agency has been in special training during the winter months. They have been given special riot control techniques. Special equipment and supplies have already been purchased for use. There is no reason then for deliberately creating situations that may endanger the lives of innocent Negroes.

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"I certainly hope Dr. King and his staff will think very carefully about what they do and how they do it. Racial tensions in this country are now at a high pitch. Entirely too many people are of the mind that another bloody summer is in the offing. No matter what anybody says, Negroes have not benefited in any substantial way from any riot. Other than a looters holiday, the riots of the past have been very costly to all Negroes. We must then do all we can to prevent riots. Washington must not become another frustrating, bloody battleground."

"The Cleveland Press", a Cleveland daily afternoon newspaper of general circulation, in its March 6, 1968 issue, page A8, had an article entitled, "200 Clevelanders Sought for Dr. King's March", which read as follows:

"Efforts have begun to enlist 200 Clevelanders to take part in the 'jobs or income' demonstration to be led by Dr. Martin Luther King in Washington on Apr. 22.

"The goal is to have 200 representatives from 15 cities, totaling 3000 participants, reported Hilbert Perry, director of the Bruce Klunder Freedom House.

"The Freedom House is one of three groups here which have endorsed the demonstration and are recruiting participants. The others are Domestic Workers of America, a union of household workers, and the Cleveland Welfare Rights Movement, made up mostly of mothers on relief rolls and their supporters.

"They are attempting to raise funds to charter buses to Washington and also seeking contributions to pay for child care of mothers taking part, or families who will volunteer to tend children.

"IN WASHINGTON, churches are to be asked to provide meals and lodgings for those taking part.

"Perry said those being recruited here cannot be informed yet of what form the demonstration will take because plans are still being worked out by Dr. King's headquarters in Atlanta. But it is expected to start with mass calls on senators and representatives from the communities represented.

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"'WE HOPE to get a pledge that the Government will become the employer of last resort,' said Perry, explaining that the Government would establish programs to employ those unable to get jobs elsewhere.

"'Present training and employment programs are woefully inadequate. And we doubt that business will provide the jobs needed despite the government subsidy to be offered,' he said.

"Also to be urged is that Congress discard the new Social Security amendment which would limit the number of children on the Aid to Dependent Children program for whom federal funds would be provided after July 1."

CV T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 12, 1968, that Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER are the two main individuals who have been working to organize the WSP group in the Cleveland area, however, they also have some other unknown individuals who are assisting in the recruiting activities.

For the most part, OSBURN and BIBLER have been working on two other projects which seem to take most of their time; namely, Operation Breadbasket, which is a program aimed at increasing Negro employment through a boycott of various stores and employers; the second is the strike at St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, by the Building, Service, and Maintenance Union. This strike was recently settled, which will now give Reverend OSBURN and BIBLER more time to work on the WSP.

The WSP in Cleveland has an office at 7902 Hough Avenue, which is not being used as all the work is being done from Reverend OSBURN's apartment at the Park Lane Villa Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. The WSP has been recruiting people in Cleveland through the Bruce Klunder Freedom House, the Domestic Workers Union, and Mothers on Welfare. Reverend OSBURN plans to recruit two hundred people from the poor areas, those on welfare, etc., and OSBURN feels he will not have too much trouble in getting this many people as he has recruited larger numbers in the past for other projects. Reverend OSBURN has not indicated who will take care of the families of those making this WSP trip to Washington, D.C. in April, 1968, where the money will come from to pay for the transportation, or living expenses in that city, means of transportation, etc.

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Mr. JAKE BRONSTON, Vice President, Greyhound Bus Lines, Cleveland, Ohio, advised on March 12, 1968, that to date Cleveland Greyhound had not received any requests for charter bus service to Washington, D.C for the WSP.

The following is additional data relative to this project:

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reporting Office	Cleveland, Ohio
Names of Individuals Recruiting in This Area	Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN MICHAEL BIBLER
Address of Headquarters	Park Lane Villa 10510 Park Lane Cleveland, Ohio (Reverend OSBURN's apartment) and 7902 Hough Avenue Cleveland, Ohio (This office is not being used at present.)
Known Number of Individuals Recruited to Date	Unknown
Known Names of Individuals Recruited	Unknown
Estimated Number of Individuals Recruited	Unknown
Number of Buses and Other Commercial Type Transportation Chartered and Total Capacity	None
Number of Private Cars to Participate	Unknown
Identity of Driver, Make, Model, and License Numbers of Cars to Participate	Unknown
Route Cars are Scheduled to Use	Unknown

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Areas Buses and Drivers are to Discharge Passengers Upon Arrival in Washington, D.C.	Unknown
Address Demonstrators Are to Report to Upon Arrival	Unknown

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TO DIRECTOR 157-8428 ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, NEW YORK, NEWARK, BALTIMORE, AND BOSTON (MAIL) (PLAINTEXT) WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE VIA WASHINGTON

FROM PHILADELPHIA 157-2476 (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM. OO WFO.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, PH T-ONE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST ADVISED THREE ELEVEN INSTANT THAT REVEREND JAMES ORANGE, MARTIN LUTHER KING'S, SCLC, DIRECTOR IN PHILA STATED AS FOLLOWS.

KING WILL BE IN AFRICA IN THE FIRST PART OF APRIL SIXTYEIGHT FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. KING WILL RETURN TO THE US AND BE IN PHILA TO REST AND MAKE FURTHER PREPARATIONS FOR WSP, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL TWENTYTWO IN WASH., D.C. KING IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF HIS FOLLOWERS AND KINGS PEOPLE ABOUT HIS SAFETY. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEAVE FROM VARIOUS CITIES IN US TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON FOUR TWENTYTWO NEXT. PHILA FOLLOWERS (SEVERAL HUNDRED EXPECTED) WILL GO TO WASH., BY BUS AFTER BEING JOINED BY HUNDREDS WHO WILL START FROM BOSTON, MASS., APRIL NINETEEN OR TWENTY NEXT. BOSTONIANS WILL GO TO NYC BY BUS, THEN WALK THROUGH NYC WHERE JOINED BY NEW YORKERS; HENCE TO NEWARK TO WALK THROUGH CITY WITH ADDITION OF NEWARK RESIDENTS; HENCE BY BUS TO TRENTON, N.J., WHERE WILL REPEAT PROCEDURE; AND THEN TO PHILA.

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KING WILL JOIN GROUP IN NORTH PHILA AND ALL WILL WALK THROUGH CITY TO AIRPORT AT SOUTHWEST EXTREMITY OF PHILA.

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DR. KING WILL FLY TO WASH., D.C., WHILE THE MARCHERS WILL WALK ON TO CHESTER, PA., RIDE TO WILMINGTON, DEL.; MARCH THROUGH WILMINGTON; RIDE TO BALTIMORE, WALK THROUGH TOWN; AND THEN RIDE TO OUTSKIRTS OF WASH., D.C., WHERE THEY WILL BE LED THROUGH WASH., D.C., BY KING TO THE "CHERRY BLOSSOM"AREA. THEY WILL CAMP THERE UNTIL CONGRESS MEETS KING'S DEMANDS. PH T-ONE IS OF OPINION THAT ORANGE NOT REALLY HAVING GREAT SUCCESS AS HE MENTIONED NO NUMBERS OF ANTICIPATED PARTICIPANTS.

PH T- TWO, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST ADVISED THREE ELEVEN INSTANT THAT HE HAD BEEN TO SCLC, PHILA HEADQUARTERS AND THE GERNEAL CONVERSATION DOES NOT APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT THE STAFF IS RECEIVING AN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE IN THE CITY. THIS IS AN OPINION AND FEELING ONLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES COGNIZANT. LHM FOLLOWS. PH T- ONE IS LT. GEORGE FENCL, PHPD, WHO REQUESTED HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU. PH T- TWO IS PH FIVE ZERO ONE-R(GHETTO). BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-434819)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144189)

SUBJECT: FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.
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(OO: NY)

There are enclosed for the Bureau ten copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) containing information about the tribute to W.E.B. DU BOIS, sponsored by "Freedomways" Magazine, held on Friday night, 2/23/68. This information is taken from the 3/3/68 issue of "The Worker" which contained an account of the tribute.

This LHM is classified "Confidential" because of the sources used in the characterizations in this LHM, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be detrimental to the defense interests of the United States and result in the loss of sources of great value. These sources are NY 694-S* for OSSIE DAVIS and CG 5824-S* for J. H. O'DELL. Source

A copy of this LHM is being sent to the WFO for its information because it is the office of origin for the Washington Spring Project.

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1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
1 - 157-8428) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
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New York, New York
March 4, 1968

Re: Freedomways Associates, Incorporated
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"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, on March 3, 1968, page 3, reported on the tribute to Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, held at Carnegie Hall, on Friday night, February 23, 1968. It said that the event was organized by "Freedomways" Magazine and inaugurated a year of celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Dr. DuBois. DuBois was described as a "scholar, writer, teacher, organizer and Communist".

The article stated that Dr. Martin Luther King delivered the address honoring the DuBois Centennial Year. It recounted King's remarks in praise of DuBois and said that:

"Summing up DuBois' life, King declared 'We can't talk of Dr. DuBois without recognizing that he was a radical all of his life. Some people would like to ignore the fact that he was a Communist in his later years. It is worth noting that Abraham Lincoln warmly welcomed the support of Karl Marx during the Civil War and corresponded with him freely'."

The article also stated that "King was vigorously applauded when he said:-

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"'It is time to cease muting the fact that Dr. DuBois was a genius and chose to be a Communist. Our irrational obsessive anti-Communism has led us into too many quagmires.....'"

King, according to the article, recalled that DuBois was a leader of the peace movement in his time and, as is the case with Dr. Benjamin Spock, was indicted and arrested, in February, 1951, as a leader of the Peace Information Center. Alluding to the activities he is planning for Washington, D.C., King is reported to have said that DuBois will be with those participating in these activities in Washington, D.C., in April, 1968, "to demand our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness".

"The Worker" account of the DuBois celebration related that J. H. O'Dell, the Associate Managing Editor of "Freedomways" Magazine, opened the evening's program and welcomed the audience to the centennial celebration. It stated further that Ossie Davis acted as master of ceremonies and that "Davis called on the audience to come to the aid of the militant W.E.B. DuBois Clubs which are being persecuted by the subversive activities control board under the revived McCarran Act". It quoted Davis as saying "the DuBois Clubs are not expendable".

Characterizations of Freedomways Associates, Inc., and the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA), are set forth in the appendix.

Ossie Davis

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the latter part of 1963, a CP functionary stated that Ossie Davis and his wife were then Communist Party (CP) members.

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Jack O'Dell

The Fall, 1967 issue of "Freedomways", lists Jack O'Dell under the name of J.H. O'Dell, as its Associate Managing Editor.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 1, 1967, that as of April, 1967, O'Dell was considered by the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), as being a member of its National Committee.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
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1.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA by JAMES JACKSON.

The First Quarter, 1967, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE, Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON, Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL, Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that CLARKE is an "Associate" of AIM

On March 16, 1966, the second source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by his wife, ESTHER JACKSON, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the

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2.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONTINUED)

Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON as a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

On July 26, 1966, a fourth source identified O'DELL as a member of the CP.

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

A characterization of AIMS is set out separately.

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APPENDIX

1.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised on June 30, 1966, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, at the 18th National Convention of the CPUSA, held June 22-26, 1966, in New York City.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CPUSA, New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the McCarran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public.

A fourth source reported on August 29, 1966, that AIMS issues a "Newsletter" every other month. This source also made available the information that AIMS issues publications and holds symposiums concerning Marxism.

A fifth source advised on May 9, 1967, that as of that date, AIMS was located on the fifth floor west of 20 West 30th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, GUS HALL, CPUSA, General Secretary, indicated that the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, near the conclusion of the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth confidential source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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New York, New York
March 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Bureau 100-434819

Title Freedomways Associates, Inc.

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Reference New York letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 3/4/68

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing plans of the advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which deals with his massive civil disobedience campaign to be held in Washington, D. C., in April, 1968.

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in ~~early~~ April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Recently AT 1387-R advised that Stanley David Levison and Harry Wachtel, both advisors to King with subversive backgrounds, were in conference with William Rutherford, Executive Director, SCLC, concerning the "Washington Spring Project."

Rutherford mentioned this conference to several staff members of SCLC. Among the points discussed, according to Rutherford, were whether King should visit President Johnson for the purpose of discussing problems of "ghetto people"; whether King should speak before a joint session of Congress; and whether the SCLC should consider legal action against the Government in a form of a lawsuit for payment of money to Negroes as reimbursement for the many years they have been held in "slavery."

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CG 7116-R recently advised that to date Chicago officials of SCLC have recruited approximately one hundred individuals who have tentatively agreed to participate in King's campaign this spring. The individuals are primarily welfare recipients and youths from Chicago's near West Side. King's Chicago staff members also reported that recent events to solicit funds have been largely unsuccessful and appeals for money have been met with flat refusals.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is felt that the President would be interested in receiving information showing that King's communist advisors are attempting to plan a meeting between the President and King or perhaps having King speak before a joint session of Congress.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

cc to Leonard T. DeRosio, DSA 3/6/68 by Courier

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 5, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

William Rutherford, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference recently with Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel, both advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, concerning King's massive civil disobedience campaign called the "Washington Spring Project."

Later, Rutherford mentioned this conference to several staff members of King's organization. Among the points discussed, according to Rutherford, were whether Martin Luther King, Jr., should visit President Johnson for the purpose of discussing problems of "ghetto people"; whether King should speak before a joint session of Congress; and whether the Southern Christian Leadership Conference should consider legal action against the United States Government in the form of a lawsuit for payment of money to Negroes as reimbursement for the many years they have been held in "slavery."

Two officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference met with the "Washington Spring Project" staff in Chicago, Illinois, on March 1, 1968. The Chicago staff members reported that efforts on their part to date have resulted in the recruitment of one hundred individuals who have tentatively agreed to participate in the "Washington Spring Project." The individuals are primarily welfare recipients and youths from Chicago's near West Side. The Chicago "Washington Spring Project" staff members have also reported that recently efforts to solicit funds from former Southern Christian Leadership Conference contributors have been largely unsuccessful and appeals for money have been met with flat refusals.

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March 1, 1968

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Recently, Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones were in conference. Both men are advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. At this meeting, they discussed King's massive civil disobedience campaign called the "Washington Spring Project" and the issues King should raise during the demonstrations.

Jones informed Levison that Harry Wachtel, another advisor to King, had drafted some material in this regard which calls for full employment, a guaranteed wage, and a guaranteed annual income. Also, the Reverend Frederick Kirkpatrick, a coordinator in the New York area for King's project, had furnished Jones with a pamphlet entitled "Declaration of Principle on the March in April." Jones commented that this item was three to four pages in length and was being distributed under the auspices of the "Committee of National Negro Churchmen."

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cc to Leonard T. Sestito, USA Liaison 3/6/68.

NOTE:

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See cover memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 2/29/68, captioned as above, prepared by DMW:lmr.

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/29/68

FROM : G. C. Moore

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cc to Leonard T. DeFries GSA by Courier 3/6/68

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Source referred to is AT Source JFK Act 6 (4)

Source Source utilized to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is NY 694-S*. Sources utilized to characterize HARRY WACHTEL are NY 1190-S* and anonymous source of WFO set out in report of SA JOHN J. WALSH 7/19/50 at WFO re "NLG; IS - C". Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is NY 4171-S*. Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are NY 4171-S* and NY 694-S* Source

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RACIAL MATTER

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On February 29, 1968, a confidential source advised he had learned that WILLIAM A. RUTHERFORD, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), during the latter part of February 1968 mentioned to several officers of SCLC that he had recently discussed SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) with Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel. According to Rutherford during this discussion consideration was given to: one, whether Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, should endeavor to discuss with President Lyndon B. Johnson problems of Ghetto people; two, the advisability of Reverend King addressing a joint session of Congress as to problems and complaints of Ghetto people; and three, whether SCLC should consider legal action against the United States Government for financial redress to Negroes based upon the many years the American Negro has been held in "slavery". Rutherford offered no further details regarding these points.

It was source's understanding that Rutherford would discuss these matters subsequently with Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC; Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC; and Bernard Lafayette, Program Administrator, SCLC.

Concerning the possibility of him meeting with President Johnson, Reverend King merely commented he felt that at the present time the President would realize a greater publicity advantage from such a meeting than he or SCLC.

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. LEVISON was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, a confidential source furnished information which revealed that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding HARRY WACHTEL's wife, LEONORA, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed her name and address were on a list of names of newly-elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

   (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

   (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Atlanta Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/1/68

The attached furnishes information concerning the massive civil disobedience campaign that Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is planning on conducting in Washington, D. C., in April, 1968

Details of attached will be furnished the White House, Attorney General, and other interested Government agencies.

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ST 6:03 PM URGENT 3-1-68 PME

TO DIRECTOR (157-8428)

FROM ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, ~~RM~~ (WSP) RACIAL MATTER

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
~~CIRM~~, BUREAU FILE 100-442529, NEW YORK FILE 100-153735,
WFO FILE 100-43710, ATLANTA FILE 100-6670.

ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 29 LAST AT [redacted] ADVISED WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCLC, MENTIONED TO SEVERAL SCLC OFFICERS HE HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED SCLC'S WSP WITH STANLEY LEVISON AND HARRY WACHTEL. AMONG POINTS DISCUSSED, ACCORDING TO RUTHERFORD, WERE ONE, SHOULD MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., VISIT PRESIDENT JOHNSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF GHETTO PEOPLE. TWO, SHOULD KING SPEAK TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS IN ORDER TO PRESENT PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS OF GHETTO PEOPLE. THREE, WHETHER SCLC SHOULD CONSIDER LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF GHETTO NEGROES IN THE NATURE OF A SUIT FOR PAYMENT OF MONEY TO NEGROES AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE MANY YEARS IN

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WHICH THE NEGRO HAS BEEN HELD IN "SLAVERY."

RUTHERFORD OFFERED NO FURTHER DETAILS AND THE POINTS MENTIONED BY HIM WERE NOT DISCUSSED BY OTHERS AT THE TIME. KING WAS PRESENT AT THE TIME OF RUTHERFORD'S STATEMENT AND COMMENTED ONLY THAT A MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON AT THE PRESENT TIME MIGHT PROVE TO BE BETTER PUBLICITY FOR THE PRESIDENT THAN FOR HIM.

INFORMANT UNDERSTANDS THESE POINTS WERE TO BE CONSIDERED SUBSEQUENTLY BY RUTHERFORD, ANDREW J. YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SCLC; HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC; AND BERNARD LAFAYETTE, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, SCLC. AT THE PRESENT TIME, INFORMANT COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

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3:45 AM URGENT 3-1-68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR AND MILWAUKEE

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL AND LHM JANUARY 26 LAST CAPTIONED "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM", AND MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO ATLANTA CAPTIONED "FATHER JAMES GROPPI, RM", FEBRUARY 26 LAST.

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE INQUIRED WHETHER GROPPI WAS IN CONTACT WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT, SCLC, BETWEEN FEBRUARY 19 LAST AND FEBRUARY 22 LAST.

ON NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 28 LAST AT 1387-R ADVISED THAT HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC, HAD RECENTLY COMMENTED THAT FATHER JAMES GROPPI IS IN FAVOR OF SCLC'S WSP AND WILL ASSIST SCLC BY UTILIZING "HIS PEOPLE" TO RECRUIT DEMONSTRATORS ~~IN MILWAUKEE~~, WISCONSIN FOR THE WSP.

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INFORMANT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHETHER OR NOT ~~GROPPI~~ ACTUALLY

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CONFERRED WITH KING RECENTLY. HOWEVER, HE SAID WILLIAMS HAS HAD SEVERAL TELEPHONIC CONVERSATIONS WITH GROPPI IN RECENT PAST RE WSP. DETAILS OF CONVERSATION NOT AVAILABLE TO INFORMANT.

DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY 19 LAST THROUGH FEBRUARY 23 LAST SCLC AT MIAMI CONDUCTED A "RETREAT" ON URBAN LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING FOR APPROXIMATELY 120 MINISTERS FROM VARIOUS CITIES IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH. INFORMANT SAID THAT ACCORDING TO WILLIAMS, GROPPI WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE ATTENDED THIS RETREAT BUT AT LAST MINUTE FOUND HE COULD NOT DO SO. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS RETREAT A MIAMI SOURCE ON FEBRUARY 14 LAST FURNISHED A LIST OF NAMES CAPTIONED, "ROOMING LIST SCLC PERSONNEL" SETTING FORTH NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD STAY AT A MIAMI HOTEL. IT IS NOTED GROPPI'S NAME WAS NOT REFLECTED ON THIS LIST.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/29/68

Martin Luther King, Jr., has been organizing a demonstration scheduled to occur during April, 1968, at Washington, D.C. The attached indicates King and others have been requested to visit three African countries during period 4/16 through 4/20/68.

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of Department, military, Secret Service, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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~~6:29 PM~~ URGENT 2-29-68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ATLANTA

RACIAL MATTER

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, ~~RM~~, BUREAU FILE 157-8428, ATLANTA FILE 157-2924.

SECURITY MATTER-COMMUNIST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ~~SM—C~~, BUFILE 100-106670, ATLANTA FILE 100-5586.

SOURCE

ON NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 28 LAST AT 1387-R ADVISED HE LEARNED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DURING CONVERSATION THAT DATE WITH RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, ~~SCLC~~, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AND HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT, SCLC, ROY WILKINS, OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE AND WHITNEY YOUNG, OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO VISIT THREE AFRICAN COUNTRIES (IDENTITIES NOT KNOWN) DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 16 THROUGH

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APRIL 20 NEXT. THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO SERVE AS "MEDIATORS" APPARENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH A CURRENT DISPUTE BETWEEN THE THREE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

THE CONVERSATION SUGGESTED THAT KING HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MATTER SOME TIME AGO BUT WAS RELUCTANT TO DO SO BECAUSE OF THE PENDING ~~WSP~~ Washington Spring Project. KING'S FINAL DECISION TO PARTICIPATE WAS MOTIVATED IN PART BY HIS FEELING THAT A DECLINATION WOULD IMPLY TO THE THREE AFRICAN NATIONS THAT HE HAD NO INTEREST IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

INFORMANT ADVISED HE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS MATTER.

memo
~~LHM~~ FOLLOWS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

D. Arnold

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 2/29/68 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C", "WSP, RM".

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RACIAL MATTER

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, JACKSON AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM ATLANTA

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C, BUREAU FILE 100-106670, CHICAGO FILE 100-35356, WASHINGTON FIELD FILE 100-40164, ATLANTA FILE 100-5586.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM, BUREAU FILE 157-8428, ATLANTA FILE 157-2924.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE TO BUREAU FEBRUARY 27 LAST CAPTIONED AS ABOVE AND ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND WFO JANUARY 18 LAST CAPTIONED. WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE REQUESTED INFORMATION AS TO KING VISITING JACKSON AND EDWARDS, MISSISSIPPI, MARCH 3 NEXT. ON NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 28 LAST AT SOURCE 1387RR ADVISED HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION RELATING TO KING'S TRAVEL MARCH 3 NEXT. ON FEBRUARY 27 LAST KING TOLD SEVERAL OFFICERS OF SCLC HE WAS GOING

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AWAY "FOR A REST" THE BALANCE OF PRESENT WEEK. FURTHER DETAILS RE THIS MATTER NOT KNOWN BY INFORMANT. KING WAS NOT OBSERVED AT HIS SCLC OFFICE BY INFORMANT FEBRUARY 28 LAST.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE SET FORTH KING'S ITINERARY DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1968 FOR VISITING LOCATIONS CONCERNED WITH WSP AS FURNISHED JANUARY 18 LAST BY AT JFK Act 6 (4) source

A ZEROX COPY OF THIS TELETYPE WAS FURNISHED BY ROUTING SLIP TO OFFICES CONCERNED WITH WSP.

ON FEBRUARY 28 LAST AT source JFK Act 6 (4) ADVISED THIS ITINERARY WAS NO LONGER PERTINENT SO FAR AS RELATING TO MARCH 1968. THE ITINERARY FOR KING HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CHANGED AS OF THE END OF FEBRUARY 1968. NO FORMAL CURRENT ITINERARY HAS COME TO INFORMANT'S ATTENTION.

ON FEBRUARY 28, 1968 INFORMANT ADVISED THAT KING IS ANXIOUS TO LEARN ON A WEEKLY BASIS OF PROGRESS MADE BY SCLC STAFF MEMBERS RECRUITING WSP DEMONSTRATORS IN THE VARIOUS CITIES AND LOCATIONS. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS KING OF FEBRUARY 27 LAST ASSIGNED ANDREW J. YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SCLC;

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RALPH ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDNET AND TREASURER, SCLC; BERNARD LAFAYETTE, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, SCLC; BERNARD LEE, SPECIAL AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT, SCLC; HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC; AND DOROTHY COTTON, DIRECTOR OF CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION, SCLC, TO DIVIDE THE VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND VISIT SAME ON A WEEKLY BASIS. FIRST REPORT OF PROGRESS FROM THESE SCLC OFFICERS SUPPOSED TO BE MADE TO KING EARLY IN WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 3 NEXT. WHAT LOCATIONS EACH OF THE ABOVE OFFICERS WILL VISIT NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN TO INFORMANT.

AT 1387-R ADVISED SCLC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY PREPARING A PAPER IN THE NATURE OF A HOUSE ORGAN TO BE ENTITLED "SOUL FORTH". THE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A PAPER AS A MEANS OF MAINTAINING CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCLC HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL AND STAFF MEMBERS IN FIELD SUGGESTED IN RECENT PAST BY WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCLC. THIS PAPER WILL BE ISSUED PERIODICALLY AND DESIGNED INITIALLY TO SERVE DEMONSTRATORS RECRUITED FOR WSP BY EXPLAINING NECESSITY FOR

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LEGISLATION RE JOBS OR INCOME, VARIOUS OBJECTIVES OF WSP, GENERAL NEWS ABOUT THE PROJECT, ETC.

WFO AIR RH TO BUREAU FEBRUARY 16 LAST CAPTIONED, "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM" ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY 116 MIG, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND REFERRED TO "A PACKET OF INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION" REGARDING THE WSP. ON FEBRUARY 28 LAST INFORMANT ADVISED SO FAR AS HE WAS AWARE THIS MATERIAL HAD NOT TO DATE BEEN DISTRIBUTED. THE NATURE OF THIS MATERIAL IS TO GIVE SCLC STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF RECRUITING WSP DEMONSTRATORS INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO MAKE SPEECHES ABOUT WSP, ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING NEED FOR JOBS AND INCOME, COSTS OF JOBS OR INCOME VERSUS COSTS OF VIET NAM WAR, PEACE ISSUE, ETC.

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FBI

Date: 2/29/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 2/29/68 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C", "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM".

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies of LHM.

Source referred to is AT 1387-R. Same

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 29, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 28, 1968, a confidential source advised that during the recent past William A. Rutherford, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC) had suggested that SCLC consider the practicality of periodically publishing a form of intra-organization newspaper. Rutherford explained the purpose of such a publication would be essentially to maintain a closer relationship between SCLC Headquarters personnel and Field Staff.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Rutherford's suggestion was recently adopted by SCLC and the Department of Information, SCLC, is currently in the process of preparing such a publication which will be entitled, "Soul Forth". This paper is being initially designed for the edification of demonstrators recruited for SCLC's forthcoming Washington Spring Project (WSP) by explaining such topics as the necessity for Federal legislation regarding jobs or income, various objectives of the WSP, general news about the project, et cetera.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The masthead of "Soul Forth" will indicate that Thomas Offenburger, Director, Department of Information, SCLC, is the editor of this publication, assisted by one Bill Mahoney.

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Source advised he understood that Mahoney who was recently employed by the SCLC Department of Information was formerly affiliated with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, during the latter part of February 1968 commented to several

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officers of SCLC he was aware that Mahoney was previously affiliated with SNCC. Reverend King said that inasmuch as Mahoney was assisting with preparation of "Soul Forth" he was anxious that SCLC be sufficiently alert in order that Mahoney would not inject any SNCC philosophy into this publication of SCLC.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 29, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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FBI

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-434819)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144189)

SUBJECT: FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.
IS-C
(OO: NY)

There are enclosed for the Bureau ten copies of a LHM containing information from NY 3810-S* and NY 2750-S concerning the observance of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois, held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Friday night, 2/23/68, under the sponsorship of "Freedomways" Magazine.

The source used to characterize OSSIE DAVIS and STANLEY LEVISON is NY 694-S*.

The source used to characterize JACK O'DELL is CG 5824-S*.

The source used to characterize CLARENCE JONES is ALBERT BROWN, Chairman, Columbia University LYL, 1954.

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1 - Washington Field (100-) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
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1 - New York (100-136585) (M.L.KING) (41)
1 - New York (157-2052) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT) (43)
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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from NY 3810-S*, a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the United States and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "Secret" because it contains a concentration of information from NY 694-S* in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

An information copy of this LHM is being sent to the WFO because KING mentioned the Washington Spring Project in his speech at Carnegie Hall.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
February 27, 1968

Bureau 100-434819

Re: Freedomways Associates, Incorporated
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on February 23, 1968, reflecting that Stanley Levison was going to meet Martin Luther King, Jr., on the night of February 23, 1968, at Kennedy International Airport, New York City, to take him to the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair at Carnegie Hall, New York City, that night.

The same source learned on February 24, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison told Clarence Jones about the affair sponsored by "Freedomways" Magazine on the night of February 23, 1968. Levison said he believed it illustrates the degree of despair and depression prevalent in progressive circles. He described it as the "deadest meeting" he had ever seen and said that people are depressed because they are frustrated over the Vietnam War and also feel there are no answers to riots in the streets. Referring to Martin Luther King's speech, he said that King has never read anything as badly. Levison attributed this to King feeling uncomfortable at the meeting. He said that King felt it was his duty to pay a tribute to(W.E.B.) DuBois but also knew it was not really his (type of) crowd. He said King read his speech as if he did not understand what he was reading.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
Internal Security - C

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1968, that the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois was held on Friday night, February 23, 1968, at Carnegie Hall, New York City. The affair lasted from 9:00 PM to Midnight with over 1,000 people in attendance. Ossie Davis was the master of ceremonies and the speakers included Martin Luther King, Jack O'Dell and several others.

According to the source, King, in his speech, praised W.E.B. DuBois and mentioned his planned demonstration in Washington, D.C. King stated that, with respect to this demonstration, they would stay as long as necessary to accomplish their aims. He stressed, however, that it would be non-violent in character.

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, publisher of the magazine "Freedomways", is attached.

Stanley Levison

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
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Ossie Davis

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the latter part of 1963, a CP functionary stated that Ossie Davis and his wife were then CP members.

W.E.B. DuBois

"The New York Times", August 28, 1963, page 3, contained an article datelined at Accra, Ghana, stating that W.E.B. DuBois died on August 28, 1963. It said that he went to Ghana as the guest of President Kwame Nkrumah to become Director of the Encyclopedia Africana, which was sponsored by the Government of Ghana, and became a citizen of that country. The article also noted that "During his later years, he was active in many left-wing and Communist activities. In the Fall of 1961, at the age of 93, he joined the Communist Party (CP).

Jack O'Dell

The Fall, 1967 issue of "Freedomways", lists Jack O'Dell under the name of J.H. O'Dell, as its Associate Managing Editor.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 1, 1967, that as of April, 1967, O'Dell was considered by the CPUSA as being a member of its National Committee.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
Internal Security - C

APPENDIX

1.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA by JAMES JACKSON.

The First Quarter, 1967, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE, Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON, Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL, Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that CLARKE is an "Associate" of AIM

On March 16, 1966, the second source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by his wife, ESTHER JACKSON, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONTINUED)

Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON as a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

On July 26, 1966, a fourth source identified O'DELL as a member of the CP.

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

A characterization of AIMS is set out separately.

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APPENDIX

1.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised on June 30, 1966, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, at the 18th National Convention of the CPUSA, held June 22-26, 1966, in New York City.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CPUSA, New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the McCarran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public.

A fourth source reported on August 29, 1966, that AIMS issues a "Newsletter" every other month. This source also made available the information that AIMS issues publications and holds symposiums concerning Marxism.

A fifth source advised on May 9, 1967, that as of that date, AIMS was located on the fifth floor west of 20 West 30th Street, New York, New York.

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New York, New York
February 27, 1968

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FBI

Date: 2/27/68

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Via (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: WFO)

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information furnished by NY 3810-S* on 2/24/68, which concerns the Washington Spring Project.

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(1- 100-5586)(M.L.KING)
(1- 100-5718)(COMINFIL SCLC)
1- Philadelphia (Encl.1)(INFO)(RM)
2- Washington Field (Encls.2)(RM)
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1- New York (100-153735)(CIRM) 41
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1- New York (157-2052) 43

Info furnished to WH; AAVP. Sec. of agriculture; Sec. of Labor, Sec. Defense; SS, AG, DAG, ADG, Pollak + Vinson, IDIA, Army, NAVY + AF. Dept 3/1/68 Inv/cc ICCAT + LHM 806 9 PD

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The sources used in characterizations in this LHM are:

Source
NY 694-S* — STANLEY LEVISON

Cont. Source
ALBERT BROWN — CLARENCE JONES
Chairman,
Columbia University
LYL, 1954

Source
NY 1190-S* — HARRY WACHTEL
Anonymous Source
of WFO, WFO Report
of SA JOHN WALSH,
dated 7/19/59, at WFO
Re: "NLG, IS - C"

It is noted that in the conversation between CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON, LEVISON mentioned "reports from some of the guys in the field" (apparently referring to workers engaged in the Washington Spring Project). One of the persons he mentioned in this regard was a JAMES ORANGE (ph) in Philadelphia. A copy of this LHM is, therefore, being sent to Philadelphia for its information.

Three copies of this LHM are being sent to the 108th INTC Group, NYC, and one copy each to the Naval Investigative Service, and OSI.

This LHM is classified "SECRET" because it contains information from NY 3810-S* a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "SECRET" because it contains a concentration of information from NY 694-S* in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

Source

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
February 27, 1968

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Washington Spring Project
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on February 24, 1968, that on that date, Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison discussed the April, 1968, demonstrations planned by Martin Luther King., Jr., Head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), for Washington, D.C. Jones noted that he had a draft of some material from Harry Wachtel which calls for full employment, a guaranteed wage, and a guaranteed annual income. He said also that a Minister whom he believed is Kirkpatrick (The Reverend Frederick Kirkpatrick, a coordinator in the New York area for the Washington Spring Project) gave him a Declaration of Principle on the march in April. Jones described this declaration as being of 3 or 4 pages with the inscription "Committee of National Negro Churchmen" at the bottom.

Levison commented that Kirkpatrick is distributing this material in churches. He told Jones to send this material to Harry (Wachtel) with any comments he might have.

Levison also mentioned that he considered it significant that a mailing, which was sent out to reach 80,000 who have contributed in the past two years or more, is running

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ahead of last year's response with $15,000.00 having been received the previous day. He said the letter was carefully written to center on the mobilization and to explain the rationale for it. He added that this letter will go to another 250,000 and more. According to Levison, this mailing is to a middle class group so that it is a test of the middle class intellectual, the most concerned type of people.

Levison also commented that, in general, he believes things are going well with the mobilization. He added that King has said that he is getting very favorable comments from many quarters and that in Alabama and Mississippi "they're just raring to go".

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early, 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in this position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

Foreign Intelligence Operation Ongoing

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information in December, 1949, that Harry H. Wachtel, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on a list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

Washington Spring Project

On March 5, 1944, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which revealed that the name Harry Wachtel was on a list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party (CP) at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife, Leonora, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed that her name and address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County CP.

With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr. is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1957, that he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953, or early 1954, to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-434819)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144189)

SUBJECT: FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.
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There are enclosed for the Bureau ten copies of a LHM containing information from NY 3810-S* and NY 2750-S concerning the observance of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois, held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Friday night, 2/23/68, under the sponsorship of "Freedomways" Magazine.

The source used to characterize OSSIE DAVIS and STANLEY LEVISON is NY 694-S*. Source 157-8428-

The source used to characterize JACK O'DELL is CG 5824-S*. Source

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The source used to characterize CLARENCE JONES is ALBERT BROWN, Chairman, Columbia University LYL, 1954.

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1 - New York (157-2052) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT) (43)
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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from NY 3810-S*, a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the United States and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "Secret" because it contains a concentration of information from NY 694-S* in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

An information copy of this LHM is being sent to the WFO because KING mentioned the Washington Spring Project in his speech at Carnegie Hall.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New York, New York
February 27, 1968

Bureau 100-434819

Re: Freedomways Associates, Incorporated
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on February 23, 1968, reflecting that Stanley Levison was going to meet Martin Luther King, Jr., on the night of February 23, 1968, at Kennedy International Airport, New York City, to take him to the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair at Carnegie Hall, New York City, that night.

The same source learned on February 24, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison told Clarence Jones about the affair sponsored by "Freedomways" Magazine on the night of February 23, 1968. Levison said he believed it illustrates the degree of despair and depression prevalent in progressive circles. He described it as the "deadest meeting" he had ever seen and said that people are depressed because they are frustrated over the Vietnam War and also feel there are no answers to riots in the streets. Referring to Martin Luther King's speech, he said that King has never read anything as badly. Levison attributed this to King feeling uncomfortable at the meeting. He said that King felt it was his duty to pay a tribute to(W.E.B.) DuBois but also knew it was not really his (type of) crowd. He said King read his speech as if he did not understand what he was reading.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
Internal Security - C

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1968, that the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois was held on Friday night, February 23, 1968, at Carnegie Hall, New York City. The affair lasted from 9:00 PM to Midnight with over 1,000 people in attendance. Ossie Davis was the master of ceremonies and the speakers included Martin Luther King, Jack O'Dell and several others.

According to the source, King, in his speech, praised W.E.B. DuBois and mentioned his planned demonstration in Washington, D.C. King stated that, with respect to this demonstration, they would stay as long as necessary to accomplish their aims. He stressed, however, that it would be non-violent in character.

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, publisher of the magazine "Freedomways", is attached.

Stanley Levison

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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Ossie Davis

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the latter part of 1963, a CP functionary stated that Ossie Davis and his wife were then CP members.

W.E.B. DuBois

"The New York Times", August 28, 1963, page 3, contained an article datelined at Accra, Ghana, stating that W.E.B. DuBois died on August 28, 1963. It said that he went to Ghana as the guest of President Kwame Nkrumah to become Director of the Encyclopedia Africana, which was sponsored by the Government of Ghana, and became a citizen of that country. The article also noted that "During his later years, he was active in many left-wing and Communist activities. In the Fall of 1961, at the age of 93, he joined the Communist Party (CP).

Jack O'Dell

The Fall, 1967 issue of "Freedomways", lists Jack O'Dell under the name of J.H. O'Dell, as its Associate Managing Editor.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 1, 1967, that as of April, 1967, O'Dell was considered by the CPUSA as being a member of its National Committee.

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APPENDIX

1.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA by JAMES JACKSON.

The First Quarter, 1967, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE, Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON, Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL, Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that CLARKE is an "Associate" of AIM

On March 16, 1966, the second source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by his wife, ESTHER JACKSON, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the

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Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON as a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

On July 26, 1966, a fourth source identified O'DELL as a member of the CP.

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

A characterization of AIMS is set out separately.

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APPENDIX

1.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised on June 30, 1966, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, at the 18th National Convention of the CPUSA, held June 22-26, 1966, in New York City.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CPUSA, New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the McCarran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public.

A fourth source reported on August 29, 1966, that AIMS issues a "Newsletter" every other month. This source also made available the information that AIMS issues publications and holds symposiums concerning Marxism.

A fifth source advised on May 9, 1967, that as of that date, AIMS was located on the fifth floor west of 20 West 30th Street, New York, New York.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
February 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Bureau 100-434819

Title Freedomways Associates, Inc.

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Reference New York letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/27/68

The attached relates to progress being made in Martin Luther King's effort to create a demonstration in Washington,D.C., during April, 1968.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of the Department, military, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (157-1395)

WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON

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RACIAL MATTER

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP), ~~RM~~. OO: WASHINGTON FIELD

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE IN THE PAST, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS RE WSP, FEBRUARY TWENTY-SEVEN, INSTANT:

MEETING SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) OFFICIALS HELD ATLANTA, GEORGIA, PM, FEBRUARY TWENTY-FOUR AND FEBRUARY TWENTY-FIVE, LAST, IN PLANNING SESSIONS FOR WSP. THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED REVEREND ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT; HOSEA WILLIAMS, FIELD DIRECTOR, WSP AND APPROXIMATELY EIGHT-TEN OTHERS FROM VARIOUS AREAS OF COUNTRY.

PRINCIPAL TOPIC DISCUSSION AT BOTH MEETINGS CONCERNED SECURITY PROBLEMS INVOLVING SCLC PRESIDENT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN COURSE OF WSP, ARISING FROM FEARS EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ASSASSINATE KING. NO SPECIFIC THREATS TO KING

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REFERRED TO, DESPITE QUESTIONING THIS REGARD, BUT "BLACK PEOPLE" AS WELL AS WHITES TO BE "WATCHED". NO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS REFERRED TO SPECIFICALLY AS SOURCE OF CONCERN CONCERNING KING'S SAFETY.

NO BODY GUARDS AS SUCH ASSIGNED, HOWEVER, YOUNG STATED PEOPLE WOULD BE PRESENT AT WSP WITH GUNS TO PROTECT KING. INNER AND OUTER CIRCLE OF PEOPLE TO PROTECT KING WITH OWN BODIES WILL BE FORMED, HOWEVER, DETAILS NOT WORKED OUT THESE MEETINGS. KING NOT PRESENT THESE MEETINGS.

JAMES BEVEL, ASSOCIATED WITH CHICAGO WSP EFFORTS, PRESENT AT SCLC HEADQUARTERS ALSO BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE THESE MEETINGS. UNDERSTOOD BEVEL PLANNED PROTEST OF INADEQUATE FUNDS AVAILABLE CHICAGO WSP STAFF, HOWEVER, NOT KNOWN WHETHER BEVEL PROTESTED AS PLANNED TO SCLC OFFICIALS THIS METING.

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RE CHICAGO TEL FEBRUARY TWENTY-ONE, LAST, THIS CAPTION. SOURCE OF ABOVE INFO IS CG SEVEN ONE ONE SIX DASH R (PROB), MEMBER SCLC CHICAGO STAFF.

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~~LHM~~ FOLLOWS. CHICAGO FOLLOWING AND PERTINENT SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS WSP TO BE PROVIDED BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES. ABOVE INFO NOT BEING DISSEMINATED LOCALLY FOR SECURITY OF SOURCE, ADDITIONALLY AS IT DOES NOT DIRECTLY EFFECT CHICAGO INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM JACKSON

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C. BUFILE (100-106670)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP); RM. BUFILE 157-8428.

RE JACKSON AIRTEL TO BUREAU FEBRUARY 16 LAST, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, WHICH CONTAINED INFORMATION RE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S VISIT TO JACKSON, FEBRUARY 15 LAST, AND HIS PLAN TO SEND TOP AIDE TO JACKSON MARCH 3 NEXT, FOR FOLLOW - UP MEETING REGARDING WSP.

JN 380-R (PROB - GHETTO) AND TWO OTHER JACKSON SOURCES, ALL WHO HAVE PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, HAVF ADVISED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE ON DEBRUARY 24 LAST, AT ANTI-POVERTY GROUP PROTEST MEETING HELD JACKSON THAT DATE AND ATTENDED BY SEVERAL THOUSAND

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NEGROES, THAT DR. KING WOULD APPEAR AT JACKSON IN PERSON ON MARCH 3 NEXT, TO CONDUCT WSP RECRUITUNG PROGRAM AT MT. BEULAH CENTER, EDWARDS, MISS., SAME DATE.

ATLANTA THROUGH SOURCES ATTEMPT VERIFY ABOVE AND DETERMINE KING'S ITINERARY, TRAVELING COMPANIONS AND RELATED DATA RE PROPOSED JACKSON VISIT MARCH 3 NEXT.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9097)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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REJNairtel to Bureau, 2/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and ten copies of LHM; four copies for Atlanta; two copies for Chicago; one copy for Los Angeles; one for Miami; and two copies for WFO.

The first source used in the LHM is JN 378-R (PROB - GHETTO); the second source is JAMES MOORE, Negro Liaison Source; the third source is CS JN 382-R; and the fourth source is Rev. ALLEN L. JOHNSON, Negro Liaison Source.

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Jackson, Mississippi
February 23, 1968

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On February 15, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. traveled to the Edwards, Mississippi area to attend a meeting held by the Mississippians for Political Welfare Rights (MPWR). He advised that the purpose of the meeting was for King to solicit support for his Poor Peoples March at Washington, D.C. in April, 1968, and also to lend support to MPWR's activities. Source related that King planned to complete his appearances in Mississippi on February 15, 1968, and travel to Montgomery, Alabama, where a similar meeting was to be held. He advised that presently in Grenada, Mississippi, Leon Wilbert Hall and R. B. Cottonreader, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) employees, were actively attempting to locate individuals to travel to Washington, D.C. in April, 1968, to take part in the demonstration. Source advised that Reverend B. J. Cameron, President, Grenada County Freedom Movement, and affiliate of SCLC, will not travel to Washington in the Spring.

On February 19, 1968, the source advised that Hall was scheduled to appear before an unknown group at Batesville, Mississippi, the evening of February 19, 1968, in an effort to gain support for the Washington Spring Project.

On February 20, 1968, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dr. Martin Luther King appeared before a group known as the National Welfare Rights Organization, together with his aides, in Chicago, Illinois, on February 3-4, 1968. He advised that this group is operating in Mississippi as the MPWR. He stated that delegates from 24 states were present

at the Chicago, Illinois meeting which resulted in a working coalition being established between this group and SCLC to bring about a social change in the country. The source advised that King also put forth requests for support of his Poor Peoples March in April at Washington, D.C. He advised that the delegate from Mississippi was one Geraldine Smith, Holmes County, Mississippi, and furthermore that the National President of this organization was an individual from Los Angeles, California.

On February 20, 1968, a third source advised that Martin Luther King's group is attempting to recruit 200 persons to participate in the April 26, 1968, demonstration at Washington, D.C. He related that the primary recruiter in this project in Mississippi appeared to be Mike Higson, research worker, Lawyers Committee, 233 North Farish Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

On February 17, 1968, a fourth source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a recent meeting was held in Washington, D.C. in which Reverend Martin Luther King and the former SNCC Chairman Stokely Carmichael were present. A discussion at this meeting centered around the Washington Spring Project. The source felt that the Project was completely controlled by King and that any attempts to take over for the purpose of promoting violence will meet with little success. The source reported that Carmichael stated something to the effect "If King is going to run it, then that will be all right".

The source advised that a meeting was to take place in Miami, Florida, February 19-23, 1968, and that this meeting was being financed partially by the Ford Foundation for the purpose of training Negro Ministers from large northern cities in the area of leadership. Source related that the captioned matter would possibly be discussed at the meeting, but that was not the primary purpose for the session.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/23/68

The attached relates to a meeting of Negro clergymen in Miami, Florida, and has bearing on the Washington Spring Project, an effort by Martin Luther King to cause demonstration in Washington, D. C., April, 1968. The anonymous call mentioned in the attached concerns a threat made to King's life, and all details relative to the call were previously disseminated to appropriate local authorities.

Pertinent parts of the attached information to be furnished the White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of the Department, military, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR 157-8428 (CODE)

FROM MIAMI 157-2354 3P

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTERS.

INSPECTOR OWEN W. DAVIS AND DET. SILAS VAUGHN, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED TODAY THAT THEY HAVE ATTENDED THE MAJORITY OF THE GENERAL MEETINGS EXCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOP TYPE MEETINGS WHICH WERE CONFINED TO THE CONVENTION DELEGATES.

THEY ADVISED THE GENERAL THEME OF THE CONVENTION WAS ALONG THE GUIDELINES OF INSTRUCTING THE DELEGATES IN WAYS AND MEANS OF REACHING THE PEOPLE IN THE GHETTOS IN THEIR PARTICULAR COMMUNITIES.

THEY ADVISED THE DELEGATES WERE OF VARIANT OPINIONS AS TO THE METHODS TO BE USED IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THAT SOME WERE FAVORING THE STRICTLY NON-VIOLENT APPROACH AS OPPOSED TO A FEW WHO WERE DESIROUS OF A MORE MILITANT APPROACH.

THEY ADVISED IT APPEARED TO THEM THAT SOME MEMBERS OF ~~SCLC~~ Southern Christian Leadership Conference IN ATTENDANCE WERE ATTEMPTING TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. HE STATED THAT SOME OF THE

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D. C., MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONVENTION GAVE THEIR RELUCTANT APPROVAL TO THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, PROVIDING THAT THE PROJECT WOULD BE APPROACHED IN A NON-VIOLENT MANNER.

THEY FURTHER ADVISED THAT IT WAS THEIR IMPRESSION THAT POSSIBLY TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE FROM FIFTEEN OF THE COUNTRY'S MAJOR CITIES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT AND EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO CONFINE THE PROJECT TO A NON-VIOLENT THEME.

THEY STATED IT WAS THEIR OBSERVATION THAT THE GENERAL FEELING OF THE DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONVENTION WAS OPPOSED TO STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND THE MILITANCY THAT CARMICHAEL ADVOCATES.

THEY ADVISED THAT THE CONVENTION IS BEING CONCLUDED TODAY WITH THE LAST GENERAL MEETING BEING HELD IN WHICH MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL BE THE KEY SPEAKER.

THEY ADVISED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE DELEGATES WILL BE RETURNING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES TODAY AND TOMORROW.

LT. HARVERT SWILLEY, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, MIAMI ~~PD~~ Police Department, WHO ATTENDED A MEETING AT THE DUPONT PLAZA HOTEL ON FEB. TWENTYTWO,

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LAST, AT WHICH MARTIN LUTHER KING ADDRESSED A GROUP OF LOCAL CITIZENS, STATED ON FEB. TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, THAT KING WAS PLANNING TO TAKE THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND POOR PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE U. S., TO WASHINGTON, D. C., AND NOT THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE, AS HE REPORTED ON FEB. TWENTY-TWO.

Cont. Same

ON FEB. TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, BOB ASHAUER, CHIEF OF SECURITY, SHERATON-FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL, STATED THAT CHARLES HAROLD MALCHMAN, A HOTEL GUEST, WHO HE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS HAVING MADE AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL TO THE HOTEL ON THE EVENING OF FEB. TWENTYONE, LAST, HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CALL. HE REPORTED THAT BASED ON INVESTIGATION BY LOCAL POLICE AND HIS DEPARTMENT, AN INDIVIDUAL FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF MALCHMAN AND WAS IN THE HOTEL ON THE EVENING OF FEB. TWENTYONE, LAST, BUT HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED, IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO THE ANONYMOUS CALLER.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, FEB. TWENTYTWO, LAST.

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U R G E N T 2/22/68

TO DIRECTOR (157-8428) (CODE)

FROM MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTERS.

INSPECTOR OWEN W. DAVIS, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C., PRESENTLY ON ASSIGNMENT MIAMI, REPORTED FEB. TWENTYTWO, INSTANT, THAT THE MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM CONTINUES ALONG GUIDELINES PREVIOUSLY SET OUT WITH NO DISCUSSION RELATING TO THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT.

AT EIGHT ZERO FIVE PM, FEB TWENTYONE, LAST, THE MIAMI OFFICE OF THE FBI RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL FROM A MALE WHO INQUIRED IF THE FBI WAS AWARE MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS IN MIAMI. CALLER STATED HE INTENDED TO KILL KING AND WOULD LIKE TO BOMB KING'S ROOM AT HOTEL, BUT FEARED INJURING OTHERS.

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SGT. JOHN WEAVER, MIAMI, FLA., PD, ON DUTY AT SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL, REPORTED SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR AT

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HOTEL RECEIVED A SIMILAR ANONYMOUS CALL SHORTLY BEFORE EIGHT PM, FEB. TWENTYONE, LAST. CALLER MADE REFERENCE TO A GERMAN LUGER, THAT HE WANTED TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING AND OR BLOW UP THE HOTEL.

SGT. WEAVER STATED THAT BASED ON CALLER'S REMARKS, BOB ASHAUER, CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER AT HOTEL, TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED HOTEL GUEST HAROLD CHARLES MALCHMAN AS THE ANONYMOUS CALLER. MALCHMAN REGISTERED AT HOTEL FEB. FOURTEEN, LAST, AND IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FEB. TWENTYFOUR, NEXT. MALCHMAN OBSERVED IN HOTEL LOBBY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND HEARD MAKING REMARKS REGARDING MARTIN LUTHER KING, THAT KING WAS A COMMUNIST AND THAT HE HAD A LUGER GUN. MALCHMAN APPEARED TO HAVE A MENTAL PROBLEM AND WHEN REGISTERING AT HOTEL FURNISHED PO BOX ONE FOUR ONE, HYANNIS, MASS., AS RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT AT CAPE COD FURNITURE STORE, HYANNIS.

SGT. WEAVER STATED MALCHMAN ARRESTED IN SIXTYFOUR, BY MIAMI BEACH PD, MIAMI BEACH, FLA., FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

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FURNISHED DATE OF BIRTH AS APR. TWELVE, TWENTYFIVE, AND DESCRIBED AS A WHITE, MALE, FIVE FEET, NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES.

INFO WAS OBTAINED BY THE FBI FROM THE HYANNIS POLICE DEPT. THAT MALCHMAN RESIDES SIX THREE OCEAN STREET, HYANNIS, MASS., HIS FATHER IS SAMUEL MALCHMAN, OWNER OF CAPE COD FURNITURE CO., HYANNIS, WHERE SON IS EMPLOYED OFF AND ON BY FATHER.

RECORDS SHOW THAT MALCHMAN ARRESTED JUNE ONE, FORTYTHREE, ASSAULT AND BATTERY, FOUND GUILTY, FINED FIFTEEN DOLLARS BY BARNSTABLE PD AT HYANNIS. FROM NOV. SEVENTEEN, FIFTYSIX, TO PRESENT MALCHMAN HAS HAD BRIEF COMMITMENTS AT TAUTON, MASS., STATE HOSPITAL, A MENTAL INSTITUTION. HE WAS ARRESTED JAN. TWENTY, LAST, AT HYANNIS FOR DRUNK AND DISTURBING THE PEACE. HE WAS COMMITTED TO TAUTON ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE, LAST, HE WALKED OFF AND WAS LATER RETURNED BY AUTHORITIES AND AGAIN LEFT THIS INSTITUTION ON FEB. TWELVE, LAST. BARNSTABLE

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PD ADVISED THAT MALCHMAN HAS PROSECUTION COMPLEX, IS MENTALLY UNSTABLE, AND HAS HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES WHEN DRINKING. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING ANTI-NEGRO TENDENCIES.

SGT. WEAVER STATED THAT HE HAS DETERMINED MALCHMAN NOT IN POSSESSION OF ANY WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVES.

LT. HARVERT SWILLEY, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, MIAMI PD, ATTENDED MEETING, DUPONT PLAZA, TODAY, WHERE MARTIN LUTHER KING ADDRESSED A GROUP OF LOCAL CITIZENS. KING STATED THEY ARE PLANNING TO TAKE THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED POOR PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND WILL STAY THERE UNTIL SOMETHING IS DONE FOR THESE PEOPLE. KING STATED THEY HAVE THE SUPPORT FROM SOME WHITE GROUPS.

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REFERENCE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, FEB. TWENTYONE, LAST.

~ INFO RELATIVE TO THREAT AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN HANDLED AND BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED. LHM WILL FOLLOW.

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cc: Mr. Tracy

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Date: 2/21/68

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/20/68, and Miami teletype to Bureau, 2/21/68.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM, dated and captioned as above. Copies for listed Offices as indicated.

MM T-1 is CS BH 284-R Saul C

MM T-2 is CS BH 369-R Saul C

Recipient Offices should follow this matter in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 21, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Inspector OWEN W. DAVIS and Detective SILAS VAUGHN, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., presently in Miami on assignment, stated February 21, 1968, that they attended workshop meetings and a general meeting on February 20, 1968. There was no discussion at these meetings relative to the Washington Spring Project. The meetings generally related to the Ministers Leadership Training Program, as outlined in a leaflet distributed to the delegates. Inspector DAVIS estimated 20 Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) members among the delegates. He said most of the delegates are ministers from various sections of the United States.

Inspector DAVIS stated a press conference was held February 20, 1968, with Dr. ANDREW YOUNG and Reverend T. Y. ROGERS, JR., answering most of the questions. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was not present at the press conference and has not been seen at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel by any of the security and hotel personnel on February 20, 1968, and the morning of February 21, 1968.

MM T-1 furnished the following information; on February 21, 1968:

The SCLC meeting which he is attending at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors, continued throughout the day of February 20, 1968, without any major developments.

The group of ministers attending was broken up into workshop units of approximately nine or ten ministers each. Each group had a leader who directed the activities of his workshop.

One such workshop was directed by Reverend JESSIE JACKSON, who is a SCLC leader from Chicago. During the progress of this workshop, Reverend JACKSON made the following statements:

He advocated that at least 1000 ministers go to Washington to demand that the United States pull out of Viet Nam. He felt that if such activity could be arranged, it would bring sufficient weight to bear to cause the Government to take such action.

He discussed what was termed "bread basket project" which was described as an SCLC project which would be instituted in the large city ghettos, wherein economic pressure would be brought on white merchants to employ Negro help and also on the white business community to deposit funds in Negro banks. These projects were to be set up in advance and if the desired result was not obtained, then the SCLC would resort to picketing and demonstrating and this would be brought about through pre-arrangements whereby it would be only necessary to make a number of phone calls and give a code word "knock out" which would bring the desired pickets and demonstrators to a pre-arranged location.

The above was discussed in general terms and no specific cities or areas were mentioned. But this was put forth as a project that could be put into effect.

Reverend JAMES BEVEL, a KING aide from Chicago, addressed a group in which he stated that he firmly believed in burning down the cities if something significant would come out of it. But that he did not believe in burning the cities just for the sake of burning them.

(JAMES BEVEL is referred to in the Appendix section of this memorandum.)

Reverend BEVEL additionally made the statement that he had attempted to get Negro leaders in New York to burn down the city when ADAM CLAYTON POWELL lost his Congressional seat, however, was unsuccessful.

Also from BEVEL's address, it was apparent that there is a marked growing tendency away from de-segregation and integration and a definite move by the SCLC toward economic and political black power.

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Additionally, it was evident from BEVEL's address that there is a growing tendency to degrade the institutionalized church which was described as the "Sunday Church" that is well established in this country and to unite all of the colored churches into one tremendous, powerful group. Also, there is evidence of attempts to break the moral fiber of attending ministers. As an example, Reverend BEVEL stated that he was convinced and firmly believed that Mary was raped by a Roman soldier and that Christ was not the result of a virgin birth.

(First Name Unknown) WOODRUFF, an Episcopal minister from Philadelphia was overheard to state that he was head of the "Liberation School" in Philadelphia and that he had many classes in various homes in the area. He stated that he was in favor of using terrorist tactics to achieve the ends of "Black Power." Also, it was overheard that WOODRUFF allegedly had been arrested in Nashville, Tennessee, some time ago for having operated a "hate school."

On February 21, 1968, MM T-2 furnished the following information:

At a workshop meeting held on February 21, 1968, the fact that the Ford Foundation was paying for this meeting was discussed.

The main topic of discussion was, however, "operation bread basket" which is to be put into effect by the ministers when they return to their respective cities. This project is to bring economic pressure upon the white business community in order to secure better jobs, better housing, more pay and to generally improve the conditions of the Negroes in the large ghetto areas.

This project will take the form of a coordinated, concerted effort to bring economic pressure and efforts will be made to coordinate this program throughout the country so that economic pressure can be brought on some specific segment of the economy on a national basis. An example was given wherein picketing and demonstrations could occur simultaneously at a business enterprise such as "Coca Cola" so that on a pre-arranged date and time, pickets and

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demonstrators would appear simultaneously at concerns operated by Coca Cola or any other similar business throughout the country.

There has been no discussion of the Washington Spring Project and the conference is moving along smoothly with no discussion of any expected violence or disturbances which might possibly lead to violence.

Former Senator HARRY P. CAIN (formerly from Washington State, now residing in Miami, Florida) who has offices in the executive suite of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association office building, Miami, Florida, telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on February 21, 1968. Senator CAIN advised that he is chairman of the Community Relations Board for Dade County, Florida, and was contacted by two individuals who stated they were aides of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. These aides stated that Reverend KING desired to meet with a small representative group of Miami people involved with the Community Relations Board in order that he might explain in detail what his programs would be for the coming months.

Senator CAIN reported that he was arranging such a meeting and he expects to have approximately forty community leaders present, including representatives from all local newspapers. He stated that the meeting was not for the purpose of obtaining a news story and those attending would be so advised. Senator CAIN reported that the meeting will be held at 12:15 PM, February 22, 1968, in the Terrace Room of the DuPont Plaza Hotel.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to the United States Secret Service, Miami; United States Attorney, Miami; 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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APPENDIX

JAMES BEVEL

BEVEL, in early March, 1966, was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side W.E.B. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCC). Discussion took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that every thinking American should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 21, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/20/68

The attached relates to a conference of Negro clergymen being held in Miami, Florida.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested divisions of the Department, the military, and appropriate agencies by memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR 157-8428 (CODE)

FROM MIAMI 157-2354

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTERS.

THE "MIAMI HERALD" LOCAL MIAMI, FLA., NEWSPAPER, REPORTED FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OPENED A SERIES OF MEETINGS FEB. NINETEEN, LAST, DESIGNED TO HELP NEGRO CLERGYMEN MINISTER TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THEIR CONGREGATIONS. DR. KING AND REV. ANDREW YOUNG, AN AIDE IN THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) SAID THE FIVE-DAY SERIES OF CONFERENCES WILL NOT INCLUDE PLANNING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS. THEY BOTH SAID THEY DID NOT EXPECT STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND RAP BROWN, LEADERS OF THE VOCAL BLACK NATIONALIST MILITANCY, TO ATTEND. HOWEVER, REV. YOUNG SAID, "IF STOKELY AND RAP COME WE WON'T THROW THEM OUT."

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LT. HARVERT SWILLEY, MIAMI, FLA., PD, MADE AVAILABLE A FOUR-PAGE LEAFLET ON THE MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS LEAFLET STATES THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN LOCAL LEADERS IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MANY PROBLEMS WHICH THE

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RESIDENTS OF THE GHETTO FACE AND WAYS OF SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS. THE PROGRAM BEGINS WITH AN ORIENTATION WORKSHOP IN MIAMI, FLA., AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN FIFTEEN METROPOLITAN AREAS. EIGHT TO TWENTY MINISTERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THESE AREAS AND WILL DEAL IN PROBLEMS CONCERNING POVERTY, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HOUSING, POLICE BRUTALITY, INTER-GROUP RELATIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PROPERTY OWNERSHIP.

LT. SWILLEY STATED THAT AMONG THE VARIOUS ITEMS OF LITERATURE GIVEN TO THE MINISTERS ATTENDING THE MIAMI CONFERENCE IS A TYPED STATEMENT MADE BY DR. KING ON DEC. FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN. IN THIS STATEMENT, DR. KING SAID SCLC WILL LEAD WAVES OF THE NATION'S POOR AND DISINHERITED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., NEXT SPRING TO DEMAND REDRESS OF THEIR GRIEVANCES BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND TO SECURE AT LEAST JOBS OR INCOME FOR ALL.

MM T-ONE ADVISED MINISTERS CONFERENCE AT SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS, MIAMI, OPENED ON SCHEDULE. DR. KING WELCOMED GROUP AND STATED PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WAS FOR DISCUSSION, STUDY AND TRAINING IN THE PROBLEMS FACING THE NEGROES IN THE

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BIG CITY AREAS. HE STATED THAT ATTENTION WOULD BE GIVEN TO ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE THE TERM "BLACK POWER" WITH THE OVER-ALL CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. NONVIOLENCE WAS CONTINUALLY STRESSED AT OPENING CONFERENCE. DR. KING FURTHER STATED THAT OVER-INTEGRATION COULD OCCUR TO THE POINT THAT NEGROES COULD LOSE THEIR IDENTITY. HE GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, NOT FURTHER EXPLAINED. THE ONLY REMARK MADE RELATIVE TO WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT WAS THAT THIS CONFERENCE WAS NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITING PEOPLE FOR TRIP TO WASHINGTON NOR WOULD IT BE A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. ENTIRE GROUP TO BE BROKEN UP INTO " WORKSHOP UNITS" FOR STUDY AND TRAINING FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT. ALL MINISTERS EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN STUDY GROUPS.

THE ONLY ITEM OF DISSENSION DURING OPENING MEETING WAS ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT DAN MONAHAN, IN SOME WAY CONNECTED WITH URBAN HOUSING, HAD BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE. SOME PARTICIPANTS OBJECTED, HOWEVER, REV. YOUNG STATED THAT HE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO CONFERENCE AND THAT HE SHOULD BE HEARD.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/20/68

1 - Mr. Morley
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning the progress of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), to organize a massive civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D. C., in the Spring of 1968.

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

King is currently holding the first of two workshops from 2/19-23/68 at Miami, Florida. He has invited approximately 150 Negro ministers throughout the nation to attend this meeting. The Ford Foundation recently gave King's organization a $230,000 grant to hold these workshops in an effort to develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of the nation's major cities. It has been determined that King plans to discuss the Washington Spring Project at this workshop.

Dr. John A. Morsell, Assistant Executive Director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), has advised his organization is not supporting the Washington Spring Project and is taking no part in it. He advised the NAACP

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has tried, without success, to dissuade King from executing the Project. Dr. Morsell is afraid that King cannot control the demonstrators and there is a likelihood that the overall demonstration will be taken over by extremists.

King appears to be concentrating his attention on the South where he has chartered a small twin-engine aircraft to help speed him about urging people to support his campaign.

AT [redacted] UFK Act 6 (4) advised recently that the entire Washington Spring Project seems to be suffering from indecision, petty bickering among the staff members and the idiosyncrasies of King's ego. This source advised that King is worried about the lack of progress being made by his recruiters. He is concerned about the success of the program. He has instructed his staff to seriously consider whether or not they can successfully carry out the Project. If they cannot then it will be necessary to establish a reason as to why he finds it necessary to discontinue the Washington Spring Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army; Navy; and Air Force.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 21, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is holding the first of two workshops to train Negro ministers in urban leadership from February 19 through 23, 1968, at Miami, Florida. He has invited approximately 150 Negro ministers throughout the Nation to attend this meeting at the plush new Sheraton - Four Ambassadors Hotel.

The Ford Foundation recently gave King's organization a $230,000 grant to hold these workshops in an effort to develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of the Nation's major cities.

It has been determined that King's massive civil disobedience campaign, which he calls the "Washington Spring Project," will be discussed at this workshop.

Dr. John A. Morsell, Assistant Executive Director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, advised Special Agents of this Bureau that his organization is not supporting the Washington Spring Project and is taking no part in it. He advised the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has tried, without success, to dissuade King from executing the Project. Dr. Morsell is afraid that King cannot control the demonstrators and there is a likelihood that the overall demonstration will be taken over by extremists.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This past week King concentrated his attention on the South and spoke at rather large gatherings in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama.

King has chartered a small twin-engine aircraft to help speed him about the South urging people to support his Washington Spring Project.

Another source advised recently that the entire Washington Spring Project seems to be suffering from indecision, petty bickering among the staff members, and the idiosyncrasies of King's ego. This source advised that King is worried about the lack of progress being made by his recruiters. He is concerned about the success of the program. He has instructed his staff to seriously consider whether or not they can successfully carry out the Project. If they cannot, then it will be necessary to establish a reason as to why he finds it necessary to discontinue the Washington Spring Project.

In this connection, the "Miami Herald" newspaper on February 18, 1968, reported that some Negro leaders will urge King to detour his planned massive civil disobedience demonstration scheduled for April, 1968, in Washington, D. C., and redirect the demonstrators to the local districts of Congressmen who have voted against civil rights legislation. These leaders feel that Congressmen do not care what happens in Washington, D. C., but they would feel the impact of these demonstrations in their home districts.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for Atlanta two copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Source

The first confidential source mentioned in enclosed LHM is WF 1827-S while the second is PRI JAMES R. FLETCHER.

Source

Concerning the property, PRI FLETCHER advised it was his understanding the property was owned by "The URCIOLO Brothers," who are Washington, D.C. real estate dealers.

Records of the D.C. Real Estate Tax Office were checked on 2/19/68, and it was learned the property rented by SCLC is owned by RAPHAEL G. and FLORENCE E. URCIOLO, 421 - 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The current "Polk's City Directory" for the Washington area indicates

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that URCIOLO resides at 4215 Argyle Terrace, N. W., Washington, D.C. The directory further indicates that the Urciolo Realty Company (RAPHAEL G. and JOSEPH J. URCIOLO) is located at 421 - 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

RAPHAEL G. URCIOLO appears to be identical with subject of a case captioned "RAPHAEL GERALD URCIOLO, aka; SM-C" (Bufile 100-32884, WFOfile 100-1437).

WFO has had past interest in the building rented by the SCLC as investigation has revealed that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) had recently considered this building for their offices, but terminated the idea because of the high cost.

This matter will continue to be followed closely by WFO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Washington, D. C. 20535
February 20, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

The February 18, 1968, issue of "The Sunday Star," a daily Washington, D.C., newspaper reported that Dr. Martin Luther King's Washington campaign began quietly as Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) field workers opened an office at 14th and U Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The article identified the field workers as J.T. Johnson, Lester Hankerson and Henry Brownlee of the SCLC and Anthony Henry and William Moyer of the "American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker affiliated organization."

On February 19, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on February 16, 1968, he had passed the building which has been secured by the SCLC and it gave no appearance of being in use. He passed the building again on February 19, 1968, and observed that only two desks had been placed in the building. The office gave no appearance of being opened. He further advised that a typewritten notice was on SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, stationary on a window indicating the office to be the headquarters of Dr. Martin Luther King and his "poor peoples march" on Washington.

On February 20, 1968, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the building located on the northwest corner of 14th and U Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., was being readied for use by Dr. Martin Luther King and the SCLC. This source observed the building to have two entrances. One entrance is located on 1401 U Street, N.W., while the other is 2000 - 14th Street, N.W. He advised that no activity was taking place at the office.

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Re Miami airtel and LHM, 2/19/68, and Miami teletype to Bureau, 2/20/68, and Bureau airtel to Atlanta and 21 other offices, no copies for Memphis, St. Louis, Houston, and San Francisco, copies of which are enclosed for these Offices, dated 2/16/68.

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MM T-1 is CS BH 284-R.

Recipient Offices should follow this matter in accordance with instructions set forth in referenced Bureau airtel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 20, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to communication from this Bureau dated February 19, 1968.

The "Miami Herald" a local Miami, Florida, newspaper on February 20, 1968, reported that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., opened a series of meetings in Miami, Florida, on February 19, 1968, designed to help Negro clergymen minister to the social and economic needs of their congregations. This article reported that Dr. KING and Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, one of his top aides in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), said the five-day series of conferences will not include planning for civil rights or anti-war demonstrations.

It was also reported that Dr. KING and Reverend YOUNG both said they did not expect STOKELY CARMICHAEL and RAP BROWN, leaders of the vocal Black Nationalist militancy to attend. However, Reverend YOUNG said, "If STOKELY and RAP come we won't throw them out." This article goes on to report that in addition to the 150 official delegates, about 50 more ministers are expected to attend the meetings, which are not open to the public.

It was reported that about 125 delegates attended a luncheon on February 19, 1968, and heard a talk by Dr. R. A. ABERNATHY, a Vice-President of SCLC. In addition, this article reports that three lecturers, followed by workshop sessions, are scheduled for February 20, 1968.

MM T-1 advised that the Ministers Conference at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors, Miami, Florida, opened on schedule on February 19, 1968. In welcoming the group, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., reiterated that the purpose of this conference was for discussion, study and training in connection with problems facing the Negroes in the big city areas.

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He further stated that attention would be given to attempting to reconcile the term "black power" with the overall civil rights movement in the United States. During the opening conference, nonviolence was continuously stressed.

Dr. KING stated that over-integration could occur to the point that Negroes could lose their identity. He gave as an example the integration of the Methodist Church, however, this was not further explained.

The only remark that was made to the people in attendance relative to the "Washington trip" was that this conference in Miami would not be used for the purpose of recruiting people for the trip to Washington, nor would it be a topic of discussion.

On February 20, 1968, the entire group will be broken up into "workshop units" according to their interest and needs of the area from which the various ministers came. All leaders are to take part in the activities of the workshop and report back to the entire assembly.

During the opening day of this meeting, only one item of dissension occurred and that involved some opposition to the fact that apparently DAN MONAHAN, who was formerly connected with Urban Housing, has been invited to address the conference in Miami. Some ministers disagreed with this invitation, however, Reverend ANDREW YOUNG stated that his presence could contribute to the conference, and that he should be heard.

On February 20, 1968, Lieutenant HARVERT SWILLEY, Intelligence Unit, Miami, Florida, Police Department, reported that several items of literature were being passed out to the delegates. Included in the literature was a leaflet captioned "The Southern Christian Leadership Conference" and outlines the purpose of the training program. In addition, a statement made by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, on December 4, 1967, which statement relates to the Washington Spring Project, was also being passed out.

These two items are quoted as follows:

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

"THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President

"MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM
Rev. T. Y. Rogers, Jr., Director

"CRISIS OF THE CITIES: A CREATIVE ANGLE

"'...transforming the inchoate rage of the ghetto into a creative force for change....'

"The Ministers Leadership Training Program is designed to train local leaders in the knowledge of the many problems which the residents of the ghetto face and in ways of solving these problems. Our focus is the Black Preacher and the Black church for we believe that the greatest potential power for controlling the forces which make and sustain as well as those which can change the structure of the ghetto, is within the Black church. We further believe that because of the central place for which the Black church holds in the Negro community, we can develop the kind of leadership which will develop programs to transfer control of the ghetto to those who reside there. Finally, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is an extension of the church and therefore much of our emphasis should be on stremgthening the witness of the church in areas of life where problems are greatest.

"The Ministers Leadership Training Program will be conducted in fifteen metropolitan areas of our nation. We have selected a minimum of eight and a maximum of twenty preachers from these fifteen areas, depending upon the size and population, who will participate in our program. Our program begins with an orientation workshop in Miami, Florida. This workshop is designed to acquaint the preachers who will participate in our program with the over all history and philosophy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and with the programs which demand our concern at present. This workshop is also designed to acquaint the participants with the nature and scope

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"of the multiplicity of problems facing the residents of the ghetto. Our emphasis will be on a detailed examination of the forces which make the ghetto a reality; the structures which maintain the ghetto; and the possibility of destroying the ghetto by re-structuring and changing ownership of the economic structures of the ghetto. There will also be an examination of the theology of the church, a look at the history of the Black church, and a re-defining of the ethic of the Black church in terms of the problems faced by Black churches today.

"To accomplish the above mentioned ends we have invited to this workshop persons with expertise in the problems of the ghetto. They will deal with the 'Making of the Ghetto,' 'the New Mythology,' 'Political Action and Political Coalition,' the 'Challenge of an Urban Ministry,' 'Jobs,' 'Welfare Rights,' 'Nonviolence and Social Change,' and other problems facing the poor.

"During the orientation workshop the cities will be organized. A convener will be chosen for each city with the exception of New York City which will have a convener for Brooklyn and Queens and another for Manhattan and the Bronx. These sixteen conveners will call the men of their cities together once per week for study, discussion, learning, planning and executing programs. The conveners will serve as the link between the Atlanta office of the Ministers Leadership Training Program and the particular city involved, and will channel programs and information to the members of their group.

"In brief the goals of the Ministers Leadership Training Program are as follows:

"1. To sensitize Black preachers to the problems of the ghetto and the relationship of these problems to their ministries.

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"2. To create a discipline for analyzing and understanding the forces which create and sustain the ghetto.

"3. To develop an understanding of the various methods of solving problems and to focus these methods on solving the problems of the ghetto.

"4. To lay the foundation for the organization and structuring of the ghetto to meet the needs of the people who live there.

"5. To create a common force of grass-roots people to affect positive change in the ghetto.

"The problems with which this program is concerned are poverty, employment, education, housing, police brutality, inter-group relations, health and welfare, community services and property ownership.

"The cities in which this program will be conducted are:

1. Atlanta
2. Birmingham
3. Chicago
4. Cleveland
5. Detroit
6. Baltimore
7. New York
8. Los Angeles
9. Memphis
10. Philadelphia
11. St. Louis
12. San Francisco
13. Washington, D. C.
14. Newark
15. Houston

"Co-operating agencies: Urban Training Center of Chicago, Metropolitan Applied Research Center of New York, Internship for Clergymen in Urban Ministry of Cleveland and Gammon Theological Seminary of Atlanta."

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

"Statement by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

"December 4, 1967

"Ladies and Gentlemen:

"Last week the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held one of the most important meetings we have ever convened. We had intensive discussions and analyses of our work and of the challenges which confront us and our nation, and at the end we made a decision which I wish to announce today.

"The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will lead waves of the nation's poor and disinherited to Washington, D. C., next spring to demand redress of their grievances by the United States government and to secure at least jobs or income for all.

"We will go there, we will demand to be heard, and we will stay until America responds. If this means forcible repression of our movement, we will confront it, for we have done this before. If this means scorn or ridicule, we embrace it, for that is what America's poor now receive. If it means jail, we accept it willingly, for the millions of poor already are imprisoned by exploitation and discrimination. But we hope, with growing confidence, that our campaign in Washington will receive at first a sympathetic understanding across our nation, followed by dramatic expansion of nonviolent demonstrations in Washington and simultaneous protests elsewhere. In short, we will be petitioning our government moves against poverty.

"We have now begun preparations for the Washington campaign. Our staff will soon be taking new assignments to organize people to go to Washington from 10 key cities and 5 rural areas. This will be no mere one-day march in Washington, but a trek to the nation's capital by suffering and outraged citizens

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"who will go to stay until some definite and positive action is taken to provide jobs and income for the poor.

"We are sending our staff into these key areas to meet with the local leadership of these areas to discuss their readiness to cooperate with us in this venture.

"In the coming weeks we will disclose our detailed plans on mobilizing this massive campaign. and on the specific proposals which we are formulating.

"Today I would like to tell you why the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has decided to undertake this task with the advice and participation we anticipate from other organizations and thousands of individuals.

"America is at a crossroads of history, and it is critically important for us, a nation and a society, to choose a new path and move upon it with resolution and courage.

"It is impossible to under-estimate the crisis we face in America. The stability of a civilization, the potential of free government, and the simple honor of men are at stake.

"Those who serve in the human-rights movement, including our Southern Christian Leadership Conference, are keenly aware of the increasing bitterness and despair and frustration that threaten the worst chaos, hatred and violence any nation has ever encountered.

"In a sense, we are already at war with and among ourselves. Affluent Americans are locked into suburbs of physical comfort and mental insecurity; poor Americans are locked inside ghettoes of material privation and spiritual debilitation; and all of us can almost feel the presence of a kind of social insanity which could lead to national ruin.

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"Consider, for example, the spectacle of cities burning while the national government speaks of repression instead of rehabilitation. Or think of children starving in Mississippi while prosperous farmers are rewarded for not producing food. Or Negro mothers leaving children in tenements to work in neighborhoods where people of color can not live, Or the awesome bombardment, already greater than the munitions we exploded in World II, against a small Asian land, while political brokers de-escalate and very nearly disarm a timid action against poverty. Or a nation gorged on money while millions of its citizens are denied a good education, adequate health services, decent housing, meaningful employment, and even respect, and are then told to be responsible.

"The true responsibility for the existence of these deplorable conditions lies ultimately with the larger society, and much of the immediate responsibility for removing the injustices can be laid directly at the door of the federal government.

"This is the institution which has the power to act, the resources to tap, and the duty to respond. And yet, this very government now lacks the will to make reforms which are demanded by a rising chorus across the nation. According to the Harris Poll, for example, a substantial majority of Americans believe that we must proceed at once to tear down and rebuild the slums, and a solid majority feel that everyone should have a job. Concerned leaders of industry, civil-rights organizations, labor unions and churches are joining in such groups as the new Urban Coalition to urge progressive economic measures at the national level. Many urban political leaders are ready to carry out enlightened programs if only the federal government will provide the needed financial support. Newsweek magazine recently devoted an entire issue to the problem of racism in America and set forth some sound proposals for dealing with this situation.

"I cite these facts merely to show that a clear majority in America are asking for the very things which we will demand in Washington.

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"We have learned from hard and bitter experience in our movement that our government does not move to correct a problem involving race until it is confronted directly and dramatically. It required a Selma before the fundamental right to vote was written into the federal statutes. It took a Birmingham to dramatize the economic plight of the Negro, and compel the government to act.

"Unrest among the poor of America, and particularly among Negroes, is growing rapidly. In this age of technological wizardry and political immorality, the poor are demanding that the basic need of people be met as the first priority of our domestic programs. Poor people can not long be placated by the glamour of multi-billion-dollars exploits in space. Poor people who encounter racial discrimination every day in every aspect of their lives can not be fooled by patronizing gestures and half-way promises. Poor people who are treated with derision and abuse by an economic system soon conclude with elementary logic that they have no rational interest in killing people 12,000 miles away in the name of defending that system.

"We intend to channelize the smouldering rage and frustration of Negro people in to an effective, militant and nonviolent movement of massive proportions in Washington and other areas. Similarly, we will be calling on the swelling masses of young people in this country who are disenchanted with this materialistic society, and asking them to join us in our new Washington movement. We also look for participation by representatives of the millions of non-Negro poor- Indians, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Appalachians, and others. And we shall welcome assistance from all Americans of good will.

"And so, we have decided to go to Washington and to use any means of legitimate nonviolent protest necessary to move our nation and our government on a new course of social, economic, and political reform. As I said before, the power to initiate this reform resides in Washington. The President and the Congress have a primary responsibility for low minimum wages, for a degrading system of inadequate welfare, for subsidies of the rich and unemployment and under-

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"employment of the poor, for a war mentality, for slums and starvation, and racism. The survival of a free society depends upon the guarantee and survival of freedom and equality. This is what we seek.

"In the final analysis, SCLC decided to go to Washington because, if we did not act, we would be abdicating our responsibilities as an organization committed to nonviolence and freedom. We are keeping that commitment, and we shall call on America to join us in our forthcoming Washington campaign. In this way, we can work creatively against the despair and indifference that have so often caused our nation to be immobilized during the cold winter and shaken profoundly in the hot summer."

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Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to United States Secret Service, Miami; United States Attorney, Miami; 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 20, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/20/68

The attached relates to a conference of Negro clergymen being held in Miami, Florida.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested divisions of the Department, the military, and appropriate agencies by memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR 157-8428 (CODE)

FROM MIAMI 157-2354

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTERS.

MR. TRAINOR
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THE "MIAMI HERALD" LOCAL MIAMI, FLA., NEWSPAPER, REPORTED FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OPENED A SERIES OF MEETINGS FEB. NINETEEN, LAST, DESIGNED TO HELP NEGRO CLERGYMEN MINISTER TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THEIR CONGREGATIONS. DR. KING AND REV. ANDREW YOUNG, AN AIDE IN THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) SAID THE FIVE-DAY SERIES OF CONFERENCES WILL NOT INCLUDE PLANNING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS. THEY BOTH SAID THEY DID NOT EXPECT STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND RAP BROWN, LEADERS OF THE VOCAL BLACK NATIONALIST MILITANCY, TO ATTEND. HOWEVER, REV. YOUNG SAID, "IF STOKELY AND RAP COME WE WON'T THROW THEM OUT."

LT. HARVERT SWILLEY, MIAMI, FLA., PD, MADE AVAILABLE A FOUR-PAGE LEAFLET ON THE MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS LEAFLET STATES THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN LOCAL

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Included in letter to White House and Attorney General. Date 2-21-68

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RESIDENTS OF THE GHETTO FACE AND WAYS OF SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS. THE PROGRAM BEGINS WITH AN ORIENTATION WORKSHOP IN MIAMI, FLA., AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN FIFTEEN METROPOLITAN AREAS. EIGHT TO TWENTY MINISTERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THESE AREAS AND WILL DEAL IN PROBLEMS CONCERNING POVERTY, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HOUSING, POLICE BRUTALITY, INTER-GROUP RELATIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PROPERTY OWNERSHIP.

LT. SWILLEY STATED THAT AMONG THE VARIOUS ITEMS OF LITERATURE GIVEN TO THE MINISTERS ATTENDING THE MIAMI CONFERENCE IS A TYPED STATEMENT MADE BY DR. KING ON DEC. FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN. IN THIS STATEMENT, DR. KING SAID SCLC WILL LEAD WAVES OF THE NATION'S POOR AND DISINHERITED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., NEXT SPRING TO DEMAND REDRESS OF THEIR GRIEVANCES BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND TO SECURE AT LEAST JOBS OR INCOME FOR ALL.

MM T-ONE ADVISED MINISTERS CONFERENCE AT SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS, MIAMI, OPENED ON SCHEDULE. DR. KING WELCOMED GROUP AND STATED PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WAS FOR DISCUSSION, STUDY AND TRAINING IN THE PROBLEMS FACING THE NEGROES IN THE

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BIG CITY AREAS. HE STATED THAT ATTENTION WOULD BE GIVEN TO ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE THE TERM "BLACK POWER" WITH THE OVER-ALL CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. NONVIOLENCE WAS CONTINUALLY STRESSED AT OPENING CONFERENCE. DR. KING FURTHER STATED THAT OVER-INTEGRATION COULD OCCUR TO THE POINT THAT NEGROES COULD LOSE THEIR IDENTITY. HE GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, NOT FURTHER EXPLAINED. THE ONLY REMARK MADE RELATIVE TO WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT WAS THAT THIS CONFERENCE WAS NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITING PEOPLE FOR TRIP TO WASHINGTON NOR WOULD IT BE A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. ENTIRE GROUP TO BE BROKEN UP INTO " WORKSHOP UNITS" FOR STUDY AND TRAINING FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT. ALL MINISTERS EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN STUDY GROUPS.

THE ONLY ITEM OF DISSENSION DURING OPENING MEETING WAS ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT DAN MONAHAN, IN SOME WAY CONNECTED WITH URBAN HOUSING, HAD BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE. SOME PARTICIPANTS OBJECTED, HOWEVER, REV. YOUNG STATED THAT HE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO CONFERENCE AND THAT HE SHOULD BE HEARD.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/19/68

The attached relates to a gathering of Negro leaders in Miami, Florida, currently in session.

The attached information to be furnished to the White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of the Department, the military, and appropriate agencies by memorandum.

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U R G E N T 2-19-68

TO DIRECTOR 157-8428 (CODE)

FROM MIAMI 157-2354 3P

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTERS.

THE "MIAMI HERALD," LOCAL MIAMI, FLA., NEWSPAPER, REPORTED FEB. EIGHTEEN, LAST, THAT SOME NEGRO LEADERS, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, WILL URGE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT MEETINGS IN MIAMI, FLA., TO DETOUR HIS PLANNED MASSIVE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE NEGRO LEADERS WILL RECOMMEND THAT EFFORTS BE REDIRECTED TO DEMONSTRATE IN DISTRICTS OF CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE VOTED AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION.

THE HERALD REPORTED THAT ONE PROMINENT CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER WHO REQUESTED HIS IDENTITY BE WITHHELD, SAID "CONGRESSMEN COULD CARE LESS ABOUT DEMONSTRATIONS IN WASHINGTON -- AND NEGROES COULD BE MADE TO LOOK BAD NATIONALLY. BUT IF THE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE HELD IN THE HOME DISTRICTS OF CERTAIN CONGRESSMEN THEY MOST CERTAINLY WILL FEEL THE IMPACT."

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A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, STATED ON FEB. NINETEEN, INSTANT, THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ARRIVED AT THE SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL AT TEN THIRTY PM ON FEB. EIGHTEEN, LAST. DR. KING REFUSED TO UTILIZE THE SUITE RESERVED FOR HIM AND KEPT MOVING FROM ROOM TO ROOM. TWO OF DR. KING'S AIDES, IDENTIFIED AS DR. A. YOUNG AND REV. F.C. BENNETT, MADE A THOROUGH CHECK OF THE ROOM RESERVED FOR DR. KING, APPARENTLY LOOKING FOR A "BUGGING DEVICE."

DR. KING, THROUGH DR. YOUNG AND REV. BENNETT, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, HAS ALREADY REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA AND IT APPEARED TO THE SOURCE THAT KING WAS QUITE CONCERNED WITH THE AMOUNT OF SECURITY BEING EFFECTED BY THE SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL, ALONG WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

THE SOURCE REPORTED THAT THE MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM STARTED WITH A LUNCHEON IN THE PAN AMERICAN ROOM AT TWELVE THIRTY PM, FEB. NINETEEN, INSTANT, WITH ATTENDANCE ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED SIXTY PERSONS. THE DIPLOMAT ROOM HAS BEEN SET ASIDE AS AN EXHIBIT ROOM AND THE

END PAGE TWO

GENERAL MEETING, WITH AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE, IS TAKING PLACE IN THE PARLIAMENTARY AND ASSEMBLY ROOM.

THE SOURCE REPORTED THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE OF PICKETING OR DEMONSTRATIONS TAKING PLACE AT THE SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, FEB. SIXTEEN, LAST, AND BUREAU AIRTEL TO ATLANTA, FEB. SIXTEEN, LAST.

SOURCE USED ABOVE IS BOB ASHAUER, CHIEF OF SECURITY, SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL.

LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

CC-END. SULLIVAN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to the following communications, captioned as above: Bureau airtels to Atlanta and other Offices, 2/14, 16/68; Miami airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/10/68; Miami teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago and WFO, 2/16/68; Cincinnati radiogram to Bureau, WFO, Atlanta, and Miami, 2/16/68; Atlanta radiogram to Bureau and Miami, 2/16/68; Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Atlanta and Miami, 2/17/68; Chicago teletype to Bureau and Miami, 2/17/68. In addition, reference is also made to Miami airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/14/68, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS-C" and Atlanta airtel and LHM captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C" and "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER-C" dated 2/15/68.

REC-71 157-229

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM, dated and captioned as above. Copies for listed Offices as indicated below.

1 FEB 27 1968

The source used in LHM is Mr. BOB ASHAUER, Chief of Security, Sheraton Four Ambassadors, Miami, Fla.

5 - Bureau (Enc-11) (AMSD) (RM)
(3) - 157-8428 WSP)
(1 - 100-438794 SCLC)
(1 - 100-106670 MARTIN LUTHER KING)
3 - Atlanta (Enc-3) (RM)
(1 - 157-2924) (WSP)
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586 KING)
2 - Birmingham (157-3236 WSP) (RM) (Enc-2)

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MM 157-2354

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3 - Washington Field (Enc-3) (RM)
(2 - 157-1395) (WSP)
(1 - 100-42300) (SCLC)
4 - Miami
(1 - 157-2354) (WSP)
(1 - 157-1087) (PRV)
(1 - 157-489) (SCLC)
(1 - 105-15079) (KING)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 19, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to communication from the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated February 10, 1968.

The "Miami Herald," a local Miami, Florida, newspaper, reported February 18, 1968, that some Negro leaders, not further identified, will urge Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at meetings in Miami, Florida, to detour his planned massive civil disobedience demonstration scheduled for April in Washington, D.C. The Negro leaders will recommend that efforts be redirected to demonstrate in districts of Congressmen who have voted against civil rights legislation.

The "Miami Herald" reported that one prominent civil rights leader, who requested his identity be withheld, said "Congressmen could care less about demonstrations in Washington--and Negroes could be made to look bad nationally. But if the demonstrations are held in the home districts of certain Congressmen they most certainly will feel the impact."

MM T-1 advised on February 19, 1968, that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., arrived at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel at 10:30 PM on February 18, 1968. Dr. KING refused to utilize the suite reserved for him and kept moving from room to room. Two of Dr. KING's aides, identified as Dr. A. YOUNG and Reverend F. C. BENNETT, made a thorough check of the room reserved for Dr. KING, apparently looking for a "bugging device."

Dr. KING, through Dr. YOUNG and Reverend BENNETT, according to the source, has already refused to be interviewed by the various news media and it appeared to the source that KING was quite concerned with the amount of security being effected by the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel, along with local authorities.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

MM T-1 reported that the Ministers Leadership Training Program started with a luncheon in the Pan American Room at 12:30 PM, February 19, 1968, with attendance estimated at 160 persons. The Diplomat Room has been set aside as an exhibit room and the general meeting, with an estimated 170 persons in attendance, is taking place in the Parliamentary and Assembly Room.

The source reported there has been no evidence of picketing or demonstrations taking place at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Miami; United States Attorney, Miami; 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 19, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

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Date: 2/16/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (100-161) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
BUFILE 100-106670

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
BUFILE 157-8428

Re Jackson tel to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, and Mobile 2/15/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 10 copies of LHM regarding KING'S visit to Jackson 2/15/68; two copies of LHM forwarded MIGp, Jackson; one copy forwarded USA, Jackson and Secret Service, Jackson; two copies enclosed for Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile and Springfield; one copy enclosed for WFO.

ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Birmingham (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Mobile (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Springfield (Enc. 2) (RM)
1 - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info)
6 - Jackson
(2 - 100-161) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 157-9097) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
(1 - 157-452) (MFDP)
(1 - 157-9098) (SCDA)
(1 - 157-9032) (NWRO)

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Sources utilized in LHM are identified as follows:

SOURCE	IDENTITY	LOCATION
CS 1	JN 261-R Samuel	JN 170-485-SF1
CS 2	AT 1387-R Samuel	JN 157-9097-31
CS 3	~~GERALDINE SMITH~~ Samuel RI (PROB - GHETTO)	JN 170-516-SF1
CS 4	HENRY HATCHES, JR. Samuel RI (PROB - GHETTO)	JN 170-523-SF1

Special Agents contacting Jackson sources were SA THOMAS FITZPATRICK and SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD.

Samuel Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is NY 4171-S*. Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are NY 4171-S* and NY 694-S*. Samuel Samuel Samuel

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AT 1387-R WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS SOURCE MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by NY 694-S*. Samuel It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

LEADS:

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE

Will report developments regarding travels of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and associates.

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JN 100-161

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Will determine owner of late model brown Cadillac bearing Illinois license 225-058.

JACKSON

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will follow developments regarding meeting scheduled for 3/3/68 at Mt. Beulah, Miss. regarding Washington Spring Project, (WSP).

2. Will follow other developments regarding WSP as pertinent to Mississippi.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
February 16, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On February 15, 1968, a confidential source, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that he determined that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was to arrive at Jackson, Mississippi from Atlanta, Georgia on this date to present a work shop on his Washington Spring Project (WSP) to local Jackson Negro groups at Mt. Beulah Center, Edwards, Mississippi.

Appropriate local, state, and federal authorities were immediately advised by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the pending arrival of Reverend King at Jackson.

David Bethea, Investigator (NA), Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), advised that Reverend King arrived at Thompson Airport at Jackson, Mississippi at 10:20 AM, on February 15, 1968 from Atlanta, Georgia. King was accompanied in a private Cessna Aircraft by two Negro males, Hosea Williams and Bernard Lee, aides of King's. Also accompaning King on his private plane, in addition to the pilot and co-pilot were Associated Press reporter Don Mc Kee of Atlanta, Georgia, Jose Y. Glesias, reporter with the New York Times Sunday Magazine and two cameramen from the National Education Television group, San Francisco, California. Bethea said these latter four individuals were white males.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Bethea said the group was met by Leon Hall and R. B. Cottonreader, Negro male, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) leaders from Grenada, Mississippi and two unidentified Negroes, one female and one male.

Bethea said the group then entered two automobiles, a 1967 blue Ford, bearing Mississippi license H-32681 and a 1968 yellow Ford, bearing Mississippi license H-45322. He said King rode in the yellow Ford. He said the group arrived at Jackson at 10:20 AM and departed the airport at 10:45 AM.

On February 15, 1968, Mrs. Elinor Naron, Hinds County, Mississippi Auto Tag Agency, advised that Mississippi license H-32681 is registered for a 1967 Ford, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 7U53C145757 to the Lawyers' Committee, 233 North Farish Street, Jackson, Mississippi. She said Mississippi license H-45322 is registered for a 1968 Ford, VIN 8US6F125108 to Hertz-Rent-A-Car, Jackson, Mississippi.

On February 16, 1968, B. J. Warren, City Manager, Hertz-Rent-A-Car, 141 East Amite Street, Jackson, advised that a 1968 Ford, Mississippi license H-45322 was rented on February 14, 1968 to Reverend A. J. Young, SCLC, 334 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. He said the auto was rented at the airport office of Hertz and was returned to that office on the morning of February 16, 1968.

On January 25, 1968, a second confidential source advised that Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, would serve as "field director" of demonstrations to be conducted in Washington, D. C., commencing the early part of April, 1968 as part of SCLC'S Washington Spring Project.

On February 1, 1968, same source advised Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, recently informed SCLC officers that Williams would also have general supervision of all SCLC personnel connected with the WSP. This will

include personnel in Washington, D. C., as well as each of the other cities and/or locations which will be involved in the WSP.

A characterization of Hosea Williams appears in the appendix of this document.

On February 15, 1968, M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, advised that he determined that Reverend King was transported to Jackson in an aircraft rented from the Atlanta Air Taxi, Post Office Box 20658, Atlanta, Georgia. He said the pilots were Thomas Milles and James Sorell, both white males. He said the plane is a Cessna 406 twin engine plane, color white, with black stripes. He said the plain bears Number N3223Q.

On February 15, 1968, David Bethea, MHSP, advised that Reverend King and his party, upon leaving the Jackson airport, drove directly to the Mt. Beulah Center, at Edwards, Mississippi, a distance of about 20 miles west of Jackson. He said they arrived at Mt. Beulah at 11:35 AM.

Bethea said he and another Highway Patrol Investigator, who were escorting Reverend King throughout his travels in Jackson, were not allowed on the grounds at the Mt. Beulah Center.

On December 16, 1968, a third confidential source advised that he had attended a work shop held at Mt. Beulah Center on February 15, 1968 by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Source said that about 100 persons were in attendance and after Reverend King arrived lunch was served in a hall at Mt. Beulah to Reverend King's party and others who had gathered. Source said no press representatives were allowed at the dinner or at a work shop conducted thereafter. Source said after the dinner, Reverend King addressed the bi-racial

group present, explaining the purpose of his WSP and talking at length about the way poverty stricken people are suffering in the United States today. The source said at one point a question and answer session was held and Reverend King directed several of the questions received from the audience to his assistant, Hosea Williams, who answered the questions. The source said no groups present indicated they would definitely support King in his WSP, however, it was decided that another meeting in this regard would be held at the Mt. Beulah Center on March 3, 1968. Reverend King indicated he would send an aide to represent him at this next meeting. Source said Reverend King did not indicate when he would return to Mississippi again.

The same source said the following individuals and groups known to him were present at this work shop:

1- Delta Ministry, National Council of Churches, a bi-racial religious group active in Mississippi, which was represented by Owen Brooks, Negro male, Reverend Ed King, white male, and Roger Smith, white male.

2- Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, a bi-racial political group in Mississippi represented by Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr., Negro male, its chairman and Victoria Gray, Negro female, Executive Board Member.

3- The Mississippi Chapter of the National Welfare Rights organization, a bi-racial group seeking favorable welfare legislation which was represented by GERALDINE SMITH, Negro female, State Chairman.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

4- Southern Cooperative Development Agency, a by-racial group which is setting up cooperatives in Negro Ghetto areas in Mississippi, and which was represented by two supervisors, Carolyn Williams, and Henry Hatches, Jr., both Negroes.

The source said that several National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) members were present, however, no state officers were recognized.

The source said that Lawrence Guyot and Geraldine Smith, during one discussion, indicated they were not too anxious to support the WSP as they thought it could possibly disillusion poor Negroes if they traveled all the way to Washington and were unsuccessful.

The source said that the visit of Reverend King had been arranged by R. B. Cottonreader and Leon Hall, SCLC leaders in Grenada, Mississippi.

The source said Reverend King and his party left the Mt. Beulah Center shortly after 2:00 PM on February 15, 1968 to return to the airport.

On February 15, 1968, a fourth confidential source advised that he attended a work shop conducted by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Mt. Beulah Center on that date. The source said that about 150 people were in attendance at the closed session and that King addressed the group seeking support for his WSP in April, 1968. The source said Reverend King and his party appeared to be well received by the group, however, no definite support was guaranteed to Reverend King for his project. The source said the work shop held at Mt. Beulah Center was closed to all news media.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, Hunter Pitts O'Dell, also known as Jack H. O'Dell, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell told Edwina Smith December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, Ruth Bailey, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one Connie Campbell, referred to Williams. Bailey said Williams had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) Hunter Pitts O'Dell had told him more about politics than he could read.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
February 16, 1968

Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character

Reference Letterhead memorandum dated February 16, 1968 at Jackson.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304) (P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
(WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 2-9-68, Cincinnati radiogram to Bureau, WFO, CV, AT and MM, 2-16-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of an LHM regarding the WSP; copies are also being sent to Atlanta for informational purposes for its files on WSP, Cominfil SCLC, and Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING and to Cincinnati for its WSP file.

Copies are also being furnished to the USA, NDO, Cleveland, Ohio; Secret Service, Cleveland, and local military intelligence agencies.

Identies of sources utilized in LHM:

CV T-1 is CV-489-S Source

CV T-2 is CV-768-S Source

CV T-3 is Mrs. HARRY (JANE) KYLE an individual who volunteers information to the Cincinnati Office - protected by request

Cont Source

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1 - Bureau (Enc. 11)
3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3) (RM)
(1 - 100-5718, COMINFIL SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586, MARTIN LUTHER KING)
2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 2) (RM)
6 - Cleveland
(1 - 100-26792, COMINFIL SCLC)
(1 - 157-293 MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 157-263 POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)
(1 - 170-69-SA)
(1 - 157-1320) (E. RANDEL OSBURN)

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C. C. Bishop

CV 157-1304

This LHM is classified "confidential" as it contains data reported from CV T-1 through CV T-3 which could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants and a source of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

February 16, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reference is made to Cleveland memorandum, dated February 9, 1968.

All sources used in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past except for CV T-3 who has furnished some reliable and some unreliable information in the past.

CV T-1 advised on February 11, 1968, that he has stopped by at the storefront at 7902 Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, which is the headquarters of the WSP, on at least a dozen occasions over the weekend of February 10-11, 1968, but the store has been locked with no one inside. There are some desks and a telephone in this store and the lights are on but no one is ever there, nor is there any sign to indicate this is the WSP headquarters in Cleveland.

CV T-2 reported on February 13, 1968, that he had also stopped by at WSP headquarters at 7902 Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, during the past two days but this storefront has been closed; source learned through several inquiries that Reverend OSBURN had not been at WSP headquarters as he has been out of town.

CV T-3 mentioned on February 15, 1968, that ED OSBURN a civil rights leader in Cleveland would be leaving Cleveland on February 16, 1968, for a week long meeting at Miami, Florida, which will be attended by 100 ministers. This meeting reportedly is sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and will be financed by the Ford Foundation. Reportedly Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING had indicated to OSBURN that this meeting would pertain to leadership training for the forthcoming demonstrations in Washington, D.C., and other cities in the Spring of 1968. KING plans to visit Cleveland during the week following the Miami meeting to gain support for these demonstrations.

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F.B.I.

Date: 2/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2543) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
(OO: WFO)

ReMOairtel and LHM dated 2/9/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed are eight copies of LHM dated and captioned as above reflecting information about activity concerning the Washington Spring Project in the Mobile Division.

A number of copies of the LHM are also being disseminated to other Divisions in the manner shown below.

CONF Source

The first confidential source mentioned in the LHM is JOHN T. ROBERTSON, Security Officer, Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama, who requested that his identity be concealed.

CONF Source

The second confidential source is Reverend A. R. RAY, SCLC representative, Mobile, Alabama, who requested that his identity be concealed.

EX-105 REC 11 157-8428-202

Dissemination of this information is being made to local intelligence agencies by Mobile. The results of the activities of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, will be covered and reported separately.

ENCLOSURE

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1-Atlanta (Enc. 1) (157-2924) (Info) (RM)
1-Birmingham (Enc. 1) (157-3236) (Info) (RM)
2-WFO (Enc. 2) (157-1395) (RM)
4-Mobile (2-157-2543)
(1-157-ALBERT TURNER)
MLC:sdp (1-157-RICHARD BOONE)
(11)

15 FEB 19 1968

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI:SEC. SER:
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

February 16, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1
U. S. Secret Service, **Birmingham, Alabama**

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Mobile, Alabama
February 16, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On February 9, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, said that Albert Turner, State of Alabama leader of the Washington Spring Project, and State of Alabama recruiter for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) addressed a meeting of the Alabama Action Committee (AAC), a Civil Rights Group, at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 5, 1968. At the time, Turner divulged that the SCLC received a $25,000 grant within the last ten days from the Ford Foundation, which was to help defray expenses of the upcoming SCLC demonstrations to be held at Washington, D. C. this spring.

Turner, the source said, is attempting to recruit 200 persons in Alabama for the Washington Spring Project. He is concentrating his activities in this regard in the following seven counties:

Dallas
Monroe
Lowndes
Bullock
Montgomery
Macon
Autauga

The source added that Richard Boone, Executive Director of the AAC, made an appearance following Turner's talk at the AAC meeting held on February 5, 1968, at Montgomery. Boone confirmed Turner's announcement about the $25,000 contributed by the Ford Foundation.

ALA. Alabama Action Committee

Seemingly, Turner and Boone have some kind of a working agreement, the source said. It would also appear, the source said, that some kind of alliance exists between the SCLC and the AAC, for the fact that Turner used a meeting of the AAC as a platform to raise his quota of 200 demonstrators for the Washington Spring Project.

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The source said that even though it appears the AAC and the SCLC are cooperating in the Washington Spring Project, he has discovered nothing to cause him to believe that Martin Luther King and Richard Boone are not still at odds.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 14 and 15, 1968, advised that he had received a written notice, which was undated, from Albert Turner at Marion, Alabama, inviting him to attend a meeting to be held on Friday, February 16, 1968, at a Baptist Church located at 143 Broad Street, Selma, Alabama, at 10:00 A. M. The source added that Dr. Martin Luther King was scheduled to address the meeting and to solicit support from those in attendance for the Washington Spring Project.

After the Selma meeting, the source said that King was scheduled to appear at Montgomery at 12:30 P. M., February 16, 1968, at the Maggie Street Baptist Church, where he was to give a similar talk about the Washington Spring Project. Thereafter, King was expected to make his way to Birmingham, Alabama, by airplane.

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~~6:30PM~~ URGENT 2-16-68 ~~MMA~~

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM MOBILE 100-1472

MARTIN LUTHER KING,JR., SM-C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED- ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN- EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT.

MARTIN LUTHER KING,JR., MADE SPEECH BEFORE GROUP OF ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO TWO HUNDRED PERSONS IN MAGGIE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, MONTGOMERY,ALA. THIS DATE IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. DEPARTED MONTGOMERY BY PRIVATE PLANE FIVE P.M. IN ROUTE ATLANTA.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1-30 AM URGENT 2-16-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-3236

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED - ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN - EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL CALL TO MO INSTANT DATE.

AT TEN AM INSTANT DATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HOSEA WILLIAMS, BERNARD LEE, AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA, DEPARTED BH AIRPORT FOR MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, KING ADVISED MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT HE INTENDS TO FLY TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, THIS MORNING, THEREAFTER WILL DRIVE TO PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA, TO SPEAK TO A GROUP IN REGARD TO WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT AND THEN RETURN TO MONTGOMERY. THEREAFTER, KING INTENDS TO FLY TO SELMA, ALABAMA, AND THEN RETURN BY AIRPLANE TO ATLANTA, ETA, FOUR THIRTY PM TODAY.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM
(OO: WFO)

D. Mankers
gopher

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 2/15/68, and Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 2/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve copies of an LHM captioned as above with copies as noted for offices indicated below for information purposes.

Source The source utilized in the enclosed LHM is CG 7116-R (Prob) (Ghetto). The enclosed LHM is classified "confidential" since unauthorized disclosure of same could result in identification of the confidential source and

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1 - 100-35356 (M. L. KING)
1 - 105-16238 (SCLC)
1 - 157-1832 (RALPH HENRY)
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jeopardize the future effectiveness thereof. As an additional precaution, the LHM has been datelined Washington, D. C., rather than Chicago, Illinois. No copies are being furnished to local agencies Chicago in order to further protect source.

Chicago is following captioned matter and subsequent pertinent developments will be appropriately provided the Bureau and interested offices.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C.
February 16, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTERS

On February 15, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

On February 12, 1968, a meeting of members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was held at the Paschel Motor Inn, Atlanta, Georgia, concerning the Washington Spring Project which is planned to take place during the first part of April, 1968, in Washington, D. C. The following SCLC officers and staff members were present at this meeting:

Martin Luther King,
President of SCLC
Reverend James Bevel
Reverend Jesse Jackson
Andrew Young
Bernard La Fayett
Hosea Williams
Reverend Fred C. Bennette
Bill Rutherford
J. T. Johnson
Ralph Henry
Stoney Cooks

The discussion during this meeting primarily concerned the march from Baltimore, Maryland, to Washington, D. C., which is to signal the beginning of the Washington Spring Project. It was reported at this meeting that there is believed to be

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a serious threat against the life of Martin Luther King and that an attempt upon his life will be made during this march. In order to counteract such an attempt, Reverend Bennette was assigned to be in charge of security for Martin Luther King and Ralph Henry was assigned to be Reverend Bennette's assistant. It was indicated that those involved in this security should be alert for danger, not only from white persons but also from Negroes. No additional information was given at this time concerning any possible threats.

It was reported by several of those present that serious difficulty had been encountered in the northern states in recruiting participants for the Washington Spring Project. It was, therefore, decided to concentrate the recruitment of participants in the southern states.

It was also reported that serious financial problems have developed, especially in certain areas. Hosea Williams presented proposed budgets for the "financially deprived or unresponsive areas involved in the Washington campaign." He stated that for one reason or another the following areas seemed to be having unsolved financial problems in getting their mobilization and recruiting started:

Mississippi
Alabama
Georgia
North Carolina
South Carolina
Virginia
Washington, D. C.
Baltimore, Maryland

Williams stated that it was originally planned that each project area was to raise its own funds, however, this does not seem possible in the poorer areas at this time. He reported that he had conferred with project leaders in the above areas and they state that they can do the job provided they are furnished the resources to get it started. Based on Williams' conversations with these leaders, a budget has been drawn up for each of the above areas which provides between $1,200 to $1,500 per month with the exception of South Carolina which will receive $740 and Washington, D. C., which will receive $3,500. These budgets include payments for items such

as bi-monthly payments to subsistence workers, travel, telephone expenses, costs of utilities, mailing expenses, office supplies and materials, and entertainment.

At the conclusion of this meeting, it was announced that subsequent meetings will be held every Monday for the next three weeks in an effort to complete the plans for the Washington Spring Project.

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TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, ATLANTA, AND MIAMI

FROM CINCINNATI

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT - RM.

INSTANT DATE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED SOME RELIABLE INFORMATION, BUT AT TIMES HAS EMBELLISHED INFORMATION, VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT ED OSBORN, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, CLEVELAND, OHIO, WILL LEAVE CLEVELAND FEBRUARY 16, NEXT, FOR MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR WEEK LONG MEETING OF 1ØØ NEGRO MINISTERS SELECTED FROM VARIOUS CITIES FOR TRAINING IN NEGRO COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP. LOCATION OF MEETING IN MIAMI AND CITIES REPRESENTED UNKNOWN, BUT BEING HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF SCLC AND FINANCED BY FORD FOUNDATION.

ACCORDING TO SOURCE, OSBORN ESTABLISHED PHONE CONTACT WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING FEBRUARY 14, LAST, WHO STATED INSTANT MEETING WOULD PERTAIN TO LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS AT

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WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC) AND OTHER CITIES, SPRING, 1968. KING STATED A CONCERN THAT UNDER PRESENT LEADERSHIP HE CAN ONLY EXPECT 85,ØØØ PERSONS TO ATTEND WDC DEMONSTRATION AND HE HAS GOAL OF INVOLVING 2ØØ,ØØØ AT WDC. KING ALLEGEDLY ADVISED OSBORN THAT TWO PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO FORD FOUNDATION FOR COMMENTS:

1- SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM.

2- DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

FORD DENIED FIRST PROPOSAL BUT SUPPLIED $23Ø,ØØØ FOR LATTER.

ON UNDETERMINED DATE DURING WEEK FOLLOWING INSTANT MEETING, KING SUPPOSED TO VISIT CLEVELAND RELATIVE TO GAINING SUPPORT FOR INSTANT DEMONSTRATIONS.

OSBORN CAN BE REACHED AT 8742 QUINCY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, TELEPHONE 451-854Ø.

LHM FOLLOWS. COPY SENT CLEVELAND VIA AIR MAIL.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Cath. Source

SOURCE IS MRS. HARRY (JANE) KYLE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI

FROM ATLANTA

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S.D. [illegible]

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RACIAL MATTER.

RE BUAIRTEL TO ATLANTA FEBRUARY 14, 1968.

ON AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 16, 1968 AT 1387-R ADVISED IT WAS STILL HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT SCLC RETREAT SCHEDULED TO START FEBRUARY 19, 1968 IN MIAMI WILL BE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH TRAINING PROGRAM OF MINISTERS IN LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP. INFORMANT SAID AS A PRACTICAL MATTER THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED, BUT HE HAS NO INFORMATION SUPPORTING ANY CONTENTION THIS RETREAT IS CONSIDERED BY SCLC TO BE SECRET IN NATURE RE WSP.

ON FEBRUARY 14, 1968 INFORMANT ADVISED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM ON FEBRUARY 12, 1968 THAT HE EXPECTED INFORMANT TO REMAIN IN ATLANTA HEADQUARTERS OF SCLC DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19,1968. IN DEFERENCE TO INFORMANT'S SECURITY HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO ABIDE BY KING'S DESIRES. INFORMANT SAID IT

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WAS NOT NECESSARILY LOGICAL IN LIGHT OF HIS EMPLOYMENT STATUS TO ATTEND THIS RETREAT. DURING EARLY EVENING FEBRUARY 16, 1968 INFORMANT ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING FOR FAMILY HOME ON WEST COAST IN VIEW OF IMMINENT DEATH OF HIS GRADFATHER AND DID NOT EXPECT TO RETURN TO ATLANTA UNTIL POSSIBLY FEBRUARY 23, 1968.

CHICAGO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED FEBRUARY 16, 1968 THAT ATLT ATLANTA INFORMANT NOT GOING TO MIAMI.

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cc- Mr. Tamm

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 2P

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED - ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN - EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ASCERTAINED FROM DIRECT LIAISON CONTACT WITH THE BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND JEFFERSON COUNTY SO:

AT EIGHT PM INSTANT DATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ADDRESSED A GROUP OF SIX HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ACMHR) AT ST. PAUL'S AME CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM. KING ENCOURAGED THOSE PRESENT TO SUPPORT THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. AFTER KING'S SPEECH, THE MEETING ADJOURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. KING INFORMED THE PRESS THAT HE WOULD STOP OVERNIGHT AT BIRMINGHAM AND FLY TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TOMORROW MORNING AT NINE AM.

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FIVE BIRMINGHAM SOURCES PRESENT AT ACHMR MEETING TONIGHT

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AND THEY WILL SUBMIT REPORTS REFLECTING DETAILS.

BIRMINGHAM WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT ANY PERTINENT DETAILS.

BIRMINGHAM WILL ADVISE RE KING'S ACTUAL DEPARTURE.

LHM TO FOLLOW.

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Date: 2/15/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM 2/12/68 captioned as above regarding concern of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., as to the success of captioned project.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, for Chicago one, for New York one, and for WFO one, of LHM.

The enclosed LHM has been datelined Washington, D. C., in further effort to protect source.

KING's comments set forth in enclosed LHM were made at an "emergency" SCLC Executive Staff meeting held in Atlanta 2/12/68.

Source also furnished the following information:

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AT 157-2924

On 1/29/68 at an SCLC Executive Staff meeting KING announced HOSEA WILLIAMS would serve as "Field Director" in Washington, D. C., of the WSP and also have overall supervision of SCLC personnel involved in this project (re Atlanta airtel and LHM 2/2/68). ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Vice President, SCLC, at that time was instructed by KING to write a letter to each SCLC staff member previously assigned to various cities and locations to recruit demonstrators for the WSP in which he was to inform them of WILLIAMS' position.

On 2/12/68 WILLIAMS determined this letter had not been written and as a result SCLC personnel did not know to whom they should report or from whom to seek assistance. WILLIAMS also submitted during the 2/12/68 meeting a memorandum in which he requested a budget (of approximately $10,000) a secretary, and an Assistant in order to effectively supervise the WSP. There then ensured at this meeting considerable petty discussion as to the validity of WILLIAMS' requests. WILLIAM A. RUTHERFORD, Executive Director, SCLC, made an issue over the fact he did not have the time or inclination to pass judgment on a multitude of vouchers which WILLIAMS would submit in connection with his budget. WILLIAMS became enraged and left the meeting for almost an hour. KING made no effort to contol the disorganized discussion or to render a decision.

The 2/12/68 meeting adjourned without the staff reaching a decision on WILLIAMS' requests. KING, YOUNG, RUTHERFORD, and RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC, were supposed to meet regarding these issues on 2/13/68. Informant did not have opportunity to participate in this meeting and as of 2/14/68 had no further information regarding this matter.

Informant observed that there appears to be a continuing battle of personalities between WILLIAMS and RUTHERFORD. He also observed that KING seems to be in a substantial twofold dilemma predicated upon his tremen-

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does ego,ie., one, should he cooperate fully with WILLIAMS which probably will insure the success of the WSP but at the same time will permit WILLIAMS to have the limelight and possibly become a virtual hero; two, should he keep WILLIAMS more or less throttled despite his refusal to accept WILLIAMS' recent resignation and take a chance the WSP will be successful without the benefit of WILLIAMS' full energies or take a chance the WSP may not succeed and have the national and international image of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., become tarnished. It is because of the latter informant believes that KING has indicated he is considering the possibility of finding an excuse to drop the WSP.

Based upon information herein and previous information submitted it is felt informant's observations are reasonably accurate.

Almost half the period of time originally planned by SCLC to recruit and train its WSP demonstrators has passed and the entire project seems to be suffering from indecision and petty wrangles on the part of the SCLC staff, not to mention the idiosyncrasies of KING's ego.

At this point it would appear SCLC will require a good measure of luck to make its WSP a successful venture by early April.

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Washington, D. C.
February 15, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

A confidential source on February 14, 1968, advised he had learned that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), continued to be discouraged with the lack of progress made by SCLC staff members in recruiting and training demonstrators for SCLC's Washington Spring Project, (WSP). In this connection Reverend King recently held an "emergency meeting" of the SCLC Executive officers to consider the WSP.

Reverend King pointed out that SCLC has previously announced that it will have 3,000 demonstrators in Washington, D. C., in early April 1968, Should only a few hundred demonstrators appear in Washington, D. C., Reverend King said he and SCLC would become the laughing stock of the nation. He declared that if SCLC produces 3,000 demonstrators and the nation fails to react appropriately this will be the responsibility of the nation and not SCLC. On the other hand, he said, SCLC will be greatly at fault if it does not produce the announced number of demonstrators.

Reverend King suggested that officers of SCLC seriously consider whether or not they can successfully carry out the planned WSP. He said if they feel they cannot then it will be necessary to establish a reason as to why he and SCLC finds it necessary to discontinue the WSP.

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Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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7~~43~~ PM URGENT 2-15-68 REM

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, AND MOBILE

FROM JACKSON (157-9097) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN DASH EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT.

RE JN PHONE CALLS TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, AND BUREAU THIS DATE.

JN TWO SIX ONE DASH R ADVISED THIS A. M., REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WAS TO ARRIVE JACKSON FROM ATLANTA THIS DATE TO PRESENT WORKSHIP ON WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT TO LOCAL JACKSON NEGRO GROUPS AT MT. BEULAH CENTER, EDWARDS, MISS.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES WERE ALERTED.

EX-105 REC-47 100-106670-3199

DR. KING ARRIVED THOMPSON AIRPORT, JACKSON, TEN TWENTY A.M., FROM ATLANTA, ACCOMPANIED IN PRIVATE CESSNA FOUR ZERO SIX TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT, BEARING NUMBER N THREE TWO TWO~~,~~ THREE~~,~~ BY TWO NEGRO MALES, HOSEA WILLIAMS AND BERNARD LEE, AIDES OF

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KING'S; ALSO ACCOMPANYING KING ON HIS PRIVATE FLIGHT IN ADDITION TO PILOT AND CO-PILOT WERE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER DON MC KEE, ATLANTA, JOSE Y. GLESIAS, REPORTER WITH NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE AND TWO CAMERAMEN FROM NATIONAL EDUCATION TV, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ALL WHITE MALES. GROUP MET BY LEON HALL AND R. B. COTTENREADER, NEGRO MALE SCLC LEADERS FROM GRENADA, MISS., AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED NEGROES, ONE FEMALE AND ONE MALE.

GROUP PROCEEDED FROM AIRPORT DIRECTLY TO THE MT. BEULAH CENTER, EDWARDS, A DISTANCE OF ABOUT TWENTY MILES WEST OF JACKSON, ARRIVING AT ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE A. M.

HENRY HATCHES, JR. (PROTECT) ADVISED APPROXIMATELY ONE FIVE ZERO PEOPLE PRESENT IN HALL, MT. BEULAH, WHERE LUNCH WAS SERVED FOLLOWING WHICH KING CONDUCTED WORKSHOP EXPLAINING GOALS AND PURPOSES OF WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT AND ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FROM MANY GROUPS REPRESENTED AT THE

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MEETING.

AMONG THE GROUPS REPRESENTED WERE THE MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY, A BIRACIAL POLITICAL GROUP HEADED BY LAWRENCE THOMAS GUYOT, JR., NEGRO MALE, AGE TWENTY EIGHT, THE MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, A BIRACIAL GROUP SEEKING FAVORABLE WELFARE LEGISLATION WHICH IS HEADED IN MISSISSIPPI BY GERALDINE SMITH, NEGRO FEMALE, THE DELTA MINISTRY, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, A BIRACIAL RELIGIOUS GROUP ACTIVE IN MISSISSIPPI, AND OTHER LOCAL NEGRO GROUPS.

HE SAID MHSP OFFICERS WERE NOT ALLOWED ON THE MEETING PLACE GROUNDS AND ACCOMPANYING NEWSMEN AND CAMERAMEN WERE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE CLOSED WORKSHOP; THE MEETING, HOWEVER, WAS BIRACIAL.

DAVID BETHEA, INVESTIGATOR (NA), MHSP, WHO ESCORTED KING THROUGHOUT HIS TRAVEL IN MISS., ADVISED THAT KING DEPARTED MT. BEULAH CENTER AT TWO THIRTY P. M.; STOPPED BRIEFLY AT A NEGRO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AT EDWARDS, MISS.,

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WHERE HE GREETED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED NEGRO STUDENTS AND THEN RETURNED TO AIRPORT. HE DEPARTED JACKSON AT FOUR THIRTYFIVE P. M., ACCOMPANIED BY THE SAME COMPANIONS AS ON ARRIVAL, VIA CESSNA AIRCRAFT.

DON MC KEE, AP REPORTER WITH KING, ADVISED KING WAS EN ROUTE TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FROM JACKSON, AND WAS EXPECTED TO VISIT MONTGOMERY THEREAFTER.

JACKSON DIVISION HAD THREE SOURCES IN ATTENDANCE AT CLOSED WORKSHOP AND IS IN PROCESS OF OBTAINING REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM WAS ADVISED BY PHONE THE TIME OF DEPARTURE AND BIRMINGHAM WILL ADVISE MOBILE AND ATLANTA OF FUTURE ITINEARY.

BETHEA AND M. B. PIERCE, CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, JACKSON PD, BOTH ADVISED NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED THROUGHOUT VISIT. APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED OF DEPARTURE AND PERTINENT DETAILS. LHM FOLLOWS.

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FBI

Date: 2/15/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 2/15/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, for Birmingham one, and for Mobile one, of LHM.

Source referred to is JFK Act 6 (4) who furnished information set-forth in LHM on 2/15/68.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AT JFK Act 6 (4) WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AT 1387-R MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

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(1 - 100-5586)
(1 - 157-257) (RALPH D. ABERNATHY)
(1 - 100-5718)
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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~OSI~~, OSI;SEC. SER:
~~[illegible]~~: [illegible], [illegible], RAO FDIU
DATE FORW: 2/20/68
HOW FORW: RCS
BY: [illegible]

RACIAL INT SECT

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

CONFIDENTIAL

Atlanta, Georgia
February 15, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

During the middle of February 1968, a confidential source advised he had learned that on February 15, 1968, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) contemplated traveling to Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for the purpose of speaking to people in those communities in effort to generate interest in SCLC's Washington Spring Project. Source said he understood Reverend King would be accompanied by Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC, and Elston Petilla, a representative of the Department of Information, SCLC. Reverend King intended to travel via chartered airplane. Source was unable to furnish any further details.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
February 15, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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☐ AIRGRAM ☐ CABLEGRAM ☐ RADIO ☒ TELETYPE

1~~0:47 AM~~ URGENT 2-15-68 ~~PMI~~

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND MOBILE

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU JANUARY 18 LAST CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

AT [redacted] JFK Act 6 (4) ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 15 INSTANT HE HAD LEARNED THAT ON FEBRUARY 15 INSTANT, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT, SCLC, AND RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC, WILL TRAVEL VIA RENTED PLANE FROM ATLANTA TO BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY, SELMA, AND TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA. KING AND ABERNATHY WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY ELSTON PETILLA (PHONETIC), RECENT EMPLOYEE IN SCLC DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION (FORMERLY PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT). DEPARTURE OF ABOVE THREE INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE DURING MORNING FEBRUARY 15 INSTANT. FURTHER DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE TO INFORMANT. LHM FOLLOWS.

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~~6:40~~ PM URGENT 2-15-68 ~~AFS~~

TO DIRECTOR WASHINGTON FIELD AND ATLANTA

FROM CHICAGO

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP) RM, OO: WFO.

Source

CG 7116-R (PROB) RELIABLE, WHO IS SCLC STAFF MEMBER, CHICAGO, ADVISED INSTANT DATE HE ATTENDED WSP CONFERENCE AT PASCHEL MOTOR INN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FEBRUARY 12 LAST. PRESENT AT CONFERENCE WERE REV. JAMES BEVEL, REV. JESSIE JACKSON, ANDREW YOUNG, BERNARD LA FAYETTE, MARTIN LUTHER KING, HOSEA WILLIAMS, REV. BENNETT, BILL RUTHERFORD, J. T. JOHNSON, AND STONEY COOKS. DISCUSSION CONCERNED MARCH FROM BALTIMORE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO BEGIN WSP DURING FIRST PART OF APRIL, 1968. REV. BENNETT ASSIGNED TO BE IN CHARGE OF SECURITY FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING. INFORMANT APPOINTED ASSISTANT TO REV. BENNETT. SERIOUS DIFFICULTY REPORTED ENCOUNTERED IN NORTHERN STATES RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS FOR WSP AND THEREFORE DECISION MADE TO CONCENTRATE RECRUITMENT IN SOUTHERN STATES. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

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PAGE TWO FROM CHICAGO

ALSO DISCUSSED. PLANS MADE TO MEET IN ATLANTA EVERY MONDAY FOR NEXT THREE WEEKS RE WSP.

INFORMANT RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM REV. BENNETT, ATLANTA, DURING AM THIS DATE ADVISING IMPERATIVE INFORMANT ATTEND WSP MEETING IN ATLANTA FEBRUARY 19 NEXT. INFORMANT REQUESTED TRAVEL FUNDS; HOWEVER, REV. BENNETT ADVISED NONE AVAILABLE.

CHICAGO RECOMMENDS NO FUNDS BE PROVIDED BY BUREAU FOR THIS TRIP IN VIEW OF FREQUENT AIR TRAVEL DURING PAST MONTH BY INFORMANT. ADDITIONAL TRAVEL BY INFORMANT COULD RAISE SUSPICION AS TO HIS SOURCES OF INCOME. IT IS SUGGESTED MEETING BE COVERED BY ATLANTA SOURCES. UACB BY NOON FEBRUARY 16 NEXT, INFORMANT WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE REV. BENNETT UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS BUT ATTEMPTING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MEETING FOLLOWING WEEK.

CHICAGO WILL SUBMIT LHM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION CONTAINING DETAILS OF MEETING FEBRUARY 12 LAST.

RECEIVED: 8:13 PM MSE

cc - Mr. Tamm

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FBI

Date: 2/13/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, Philadelphia (157-2476)

Subject: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

ATTENTION:
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
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☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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Summary of Complaint:

Remytels, 2/8, 9, 10/68; and airtels, 1/31/68 and 2/10/68.

3 - Bureau (157-8428) (Encs. 11)
2 - Atlanta (157-2924) (Encs. 2)
8 - Philadelphia 1 - 157-2476
1 - 157-1214
1 - 157-2477 (J. ORANGE)
1 - 157-2478 (W. TABB)
1 - 100-47194 (SCLC)
1 - 100-46230 (M.L. KING)
1 - 100-47672 (CIRM)
11 - 62-3910

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ENCLOSURE

FEB 16 1968

JRW:ELS (13)

ACTION: UACB:
☐ No further action being taken and
☐ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA _____
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

RACIAL INV/SECT.

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI; SEC. SER:
DATE FORWARDED: 2/21/68
HOW FORWARDED: RLS
BY: Dmw/a

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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PH 157-2476

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum. Two copies are furnished Atlanta. Info copies furnished NISO, OSI, MI, Secret Service, and USA, EDPa.

Conf. Source

Confidential Informant PH T-1 is Lieutenant GEORGE FENCL, Philadelphia Police Department, Civil Disobedience Unit, who requested his identity not be disclosed outside the Bureau.

Conf. Source

Lieutenant FENCL advised that CLARENCE FARMER, Executive Director, Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, had been assigned by the Mayor's office to take part and be in the group handling Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's visit to Philadelphia. Lieutenant FENCL was instructed by the Police Commissioner to assign one of his officers to act as FARMER's chauffeur. Philadelphia Police Department also furnished Dr. KING a chauffeur and escort, both of whom are Negro and handled KING's appearance in Philadelphia, as they have in the past.

Conf. Source

Bureau will be kept advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 13, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to Philadelphia communication dated January 31, 1968.

Confidential informant PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised February 8, 1968, that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., would be in Philadelphia to hold meetings and workshops on February 9, 10, 1968. On Friday, February 9, 1968, KING had meetings scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until late in the evening with black church men, suburban groups, welfare rights people, community leadership people, Afro-American groups, educational people, and militants of Philadelphia. Attendance at the conferences would be by invitation only. All of the meetings were to be held at St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal Church at 52nd and Parrish, whose rector is Father JESSE ANDERSON.

KING was also scheduling meetings at the church for Saturday, February 10, 1968, with other interested civil rights people from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The source also advised that the SCLC had rented the space at 2102 West Diamond Street, Philadelphia, under the name of the Philadelphia Christian Leadership Conference which would be the headquarters of the Rev. JAMES ORANGE and WILLIE TABB and his wife, advance coordinators for KING's endeavor to obtain volunteers in Philadelphia for the Washington Spring Project of SCLC.

Source advised that KING arrived in Philadelphia at 7:30 a.m. on February 9, 1968, from New York City by air and attempted to hold the first meeting with Negro ministers at St. Thomas Church; however, only two ministers were present by 10:20 a.m. KING had four other groups scheduled to

meet for an hour and an hour and a half apiece until 4:00 in the afternoon when a free period was scheduled plus dinner and more meetings of other groups were scheduled from 8:00 p.m. until late at night. Since no more than 15 people showed up to take part in KING's activity at the church, Dr. KING held a press conference at 11:45 a.m. His remarks to the assembled press dealt mainly with the Vietnam war, national policy of the United States Government, and the Pueblo incident.

Dr. KING then left the church for lunch and shortly after 3:00 p.m. he returned to the church at the insistence of the Rev. ANDERSON, whereupon KING agreed reluctantly to address the group with the stipulation he spend no more than 15 minutes with them. There were approximately 20 people spoken to by Dr. KING.

After meeting with this group Dr. KING talked with another group which was designated as "welfare rights organizations" and apparently the Rev. JAMES ORANGE also addressed this group because subsequent to this meeting several women were overheard to say "that ORANGE is a liar and can do nothing for Mr. KING. He is a phony in every sense of the word."

Dr. KING left the church at approximately 4:00 p.m. for dinner and relaxation and returned at 8:20 p.m. to appear before a group of individuals identified as Afro-American groups, militants, and educational people. There were approximately 30 people in attendance and this meeting lasted no more than 20 minutes.

The source advised that Dr. KING was extremely annoyed, agitated, and disappointed by the lack of attendance at the meetings and he did not desire to return for the evening meetings; however, he was told by telephone over a hundred people were waiting when in reality there were only about 30.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

A conversation was overheard to the effect that ORANGE, who is in charge of the Philadelphia office at 2102 Diamond Street of SCLC's Washington Spring Project, said this is a temporary headquarters and will only be used in an attempt to secure participants for the Washington Spring Project. KING has no further plans of any activity in Philadelphia other than this recruitment.

KING's plans for meeting with groups on Saturday morning were cancelled and according to press publicity KING was suffering from laryngitis; however, it is the considered opinion of the source that KING was piqued at the lack of attendance at the Friday meetings.

The source also advised that there had apparently been a concerted effort made by some unknown individual to persuade ministers not to cooperate with KING by not showing up at the Friday morning first conference. This could very likely be true since there were only two Negro ministers on hand for the Friday morning meeting.

It would also appear from overheard conversations and comments that KING's advance men, ORANGE and TABB, did not do an effective job.

Dr. KING left by air at 12:30 p.m., February 10, 1968, for Atlanta, Ga.

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airtel

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
(Field Guidance Folder)
1 - Mr. T. D. Bushing
(Field Guidance Folder)
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

To: SACs, Atlanta
Chicago
New York

From: Director, FBI (157-8428)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

Recipient offices have informants that are highly placed within Martin Luther King's organization, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In the past, each office has furnished highly valuable information concerning the above captioned project. Atlanta and Chicago have JFK Act 6 (4) and Same CG 7116-R (Prob) respectively, who have regularly attended planning sessions concerning this program. New York Office has NY 3810-S* who periodically furnishes information concerning the over-all strategy of the Washington Spring Project.

Because of the widespread publicity, King has received concerning this massive civil disobedience campaign, the Bureau is receiving a continuous flow of requests for information regarding this campaign.

All offices receiving this communication should from this day forward send a teletype summary to the Bureau, in a form suitable for dissemination, any information developed as a result of a meeting or planning session where plans and strategy for the Washington Spring Project were discussed.

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NOTE: As the first week of April, 1968, approaches, it is apparent that we will receive more requests for information concerning this project. The field has been furnishing the Bureau this information by airtel which is not fast enough. Outgoing communication instructs appropriate offices to submit teletype summary so that this information in turn can be furnished to the White House by teletype if warranted.

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FBI

Date: 2/13/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (100-17196)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re CI radiogram to Bureau, 1/15/68, entitled "OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM; INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)"; re CI airtel to Bureau, 1/23/68, and re Buairtel to CI, 1/31/68, both captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM relating to a workshop held at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1/12,21/68.

C. C. - Bishop

ENCLOSURE

4 - Bureau (Enc. -12) (RM)
(1 - 100-446817) (OSUCEWV)
3 - Atlanta (Enc. -3) (RM)
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2 - Philadelphia (Enc. -2) (RM)
9 - Cincinnati
(1 - 100-17196)
(1 - 100-16002) (OSUCEWV)
(1 - 100-14305) (SCLC)
(1 - 100-14700) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 100-14539) (CIRM)
(1 - 100-13760) (FRED SHUTTLESWORTH)
(1 - 100-) (PAT SHAFER)
(1 - 100-17021) (OPAC)
(1 - 66-2956)

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157-8428-167

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HTF:jmb
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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~ONI~~, OSI; SEC. SER: ~~DEPT~~: ISD, CRD, RAO IDIU

DATE FORW: 2/19/68

HOW FORW: RIS

BY: DMW/cc

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Approved: ICC AT + LHM 806 9TD Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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CI 100-17196

Three copies of the LHM are being enclosed for Atlanta, and two copies each for Cleveland and Philadelphia. It is to be noted that reClairtel to Bureau, 1/23/68, set forth leads for Cleveland and Philadelphia.

Attached LHM is classified "Confidential" inasmuch as it contains information from an established confidential informant of continuing value, the unlawful disclosure of which might compromise his future effectiveness.

/CONF. Source

The first confidential source mentioned in the LHM is CHARLES R. GAMBS, JR. Associate Dean, Student Relations, OSU, established source and former SA of FBI, who furnished the information to SA HUGH THOMAS FORSHA.

Source

The second confidential source is CI 529-S, who furnished the information to SA THOMAS P. SCOLLARD.

The third confidential source is NY 694-S*. Source

The following were advised by SA FORSHA on 1/15/68 of the proposed "non-violent workshop" OSU, 1/20,21/68:

SAIC ROBERT MAMPEL, U.S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio;

Officer CHARLES STARKEY, Intelligence Unit, Columbus, Ohio Police Department;

Lt. ROBERT DUNBAR, Ohio State Highway Patrol Headquarters, Columbus, Ohio;

GARY DE BUVITZ, 109th MIG, Columbus, Ohio;

AUSA ROBERT A. BELL, Columbus, Ohio.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

February 13, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

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cc Secretary

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio (RM)

Enclosure(s) -1

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CI 100-17196

Cincinnati, Ohio
February 13, 1968

CONFIDENTIAL

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On January 15, 1968, a first confidential source, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SA of FBI) that the Ohio State University Committee to End the War, a recognized student organization at Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, Ohio, had reserved space in the Ohio Union, on the OSU Campus, on January 20-21, 1968, for a "non-violent workshop". The first confidential source said reservations for the space were made by Professor Bernard Rosen, Department of Philosophy, OSU, the faculty adviser for the OSU Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

The first confidential source said the reservation for the "non-violent workshop" listed the following proposed speakers:

James E. Bristol

Charles Walker

Reverend Osborne

Fred Shuttlesworth

Michael Bibler

The first confidential source said the proposed speakers were identified only by name, and it was indicated the speeches concerned non-violent tactics.

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On January 22, 1968, a second confidential source, advised an SA of the FBI that a workshop to study non-violent demonstration techniques was held at the Ohio State University Student Union building, Columbus, Ohio, on January 20 and 21, 1968.

The second confidential source advised as follows:

The workshop was scheduled to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., January 20, 1968, and from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., January 21, 1968. However, participants in the workshop did not begin arriving for the workshop until late in the afternoon of January 20, 1968. There were approximately twenty-six individuals present when the workshop finally got underway. Pat Shafer, field secretary of the Ohio Peace Action Council, was in charge of the workshop.

The principal speakers at the workshop were Reverend Ed Randall Osburn, Cleveland, Ohio, associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); Mike Bibler; and James Bristol, associated with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Reverend Osburn had driven to the workshop from Cleveland, Ohio, with Mike Bibler, while James Bristol had flown by airplane to Columbus, Ohio, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

From the afternoon of January 20, 1968, to the conclusion of the workshop on that date, there was no discussion of non-violent demonstration techniques. The discussions centered around the Washington Spring Project, being sponsored by the SCLC at Washington, D.C., during the summer of 1968.

During their comments to the group, Reverend Osburn, Bibler, and Bristol indicated they had attended a meeting of the SCLC recently in Atlanta, Georgia, where Martin Luther King and other SCLC personnel discussed the Washington Spring Project. It was apparent that those three individuals had been scheduled to attend the workshop in the Ohio Union building for some time.

Reverend Osburn indicated the demonstration in Washington, D. C., would be composed initially of about 3,000 people from poverty areas in the United States, including whites, Negroes, and Puerto Ricans. Those persons would travel to Washington, D. C., and during the first week or ten days would demonstrate on the issues of poverty and jobs. After that period, the demonstration would pick up the peace issues.

Reverend Osburn indicated the Washington, D.C., demonstration would be a continuous program. The initial 3,000 demonstrators would live in Washington, D.C., and carry out demonstrations in the offices of Government officials and in other places. In the event any of the original 3,000 demonstrators were removed by arrest or any other reason, they would be replaced by other persons coming from the same area from which the original demonstrator had come.

Reverend Osburn emphasized that it was believed this would be the last chance to prove non-violent demonstrations could be effective in obtaining concessions on civil rights matters. Reverend Osburn stated if that effort failed, black nationalist groups would take over the leadership in civil rights matters. In connection with that situation, Reverend Osburn remarked, "Let's hope this works".

Bibler and Bristol, in their talks to the group attending the workshop, added nothing new, but supported the statements made by Reverend Osburn. All three speakers made frequent favorable references to Martin Luther King.

It was determined that Bristol anticipated there would be a Cincinnati, Ohio, group participating in the Washington, D.C., demonstration.

Bibler pointed out what he believed the civil rights movement had to accomplish to be effective. Bibler listed those as follows:

1. Gather information
2. Education of people.
3. Negotiations.
4. Confrontation and demonstration
5. Reconciliation.

Bibler was somewhat critical of peace groups and indicated he felt they had not accomplished anything.

During the workshop, it was brought out that there were two main points involved in the technique of civil disobedience:

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1. Non-cooperation with an unjust law.

2. Non-cooperation with a just law to emphasize an unjust situation not regulated by law.

Bristol pointed out that the technique of blocking traffic was a case in which the traffic laws were just, but it could be used to emphasize a situation involving an unjust law. It was mentioned that as a technique, the demonstrators in Washington, D. C., could tie up traffic. That could be accomplished without breaking a law, because while there are laws which require a person to obey a stop light, there are no laws requiring a person to drive on the green light.

A brochure, "Training In Non-Violence," published by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, was available at the workshop. A booklet, "Theory and Practice of Civil Disobedience," by Arthur Harver, Centerbury, New Hampshire, also was available, and a charge of fifty cents for that booklet was requested.

The workshop concluded at approximately 10:30 p.m. on January 20, 1968. Most of the persons present indicated they would return for the meeting on January 21, 1968, inasmuch as many of the twenty-six individuals present appeared to be Ohio State University students.

On January 19, 1968, Pat Shafer had emphasized that selection of individuals to attend the workshop on January 20 and 21, 1968, should be done with great care, and persons attending would be expected to have the ability to return to their own areas and hold workshops on non-violence.

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REVEREND FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH

The June 18, 1966, edition of the "Cincinnati Herald", a weekly Negro newspaper of general circulation in Cincinnati, Ohio, refers to Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, civil rights leader, as President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF); also as Secretary of the Southern Conference Leadership Conference (SCLC), which is headed by Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. and as President of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, Birmingham, Alabama, which he founded.

Reverend Shuttlesworth is a nationally known Negro civil rights leader and speaker, who has traveled extensively throughout the United States on behalf of the civil rights movement.

Before coming to Cincinnati, Ohio, Reverend Shuttlesworth was Pastor during the mid-1950's of the Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, and was also active in civil rights activity. During this period the "Birmingham News" and the "Birmingham Post-Herald" local newspapers identified Shuttlesworht as one of the principal leaders and prime movers for integration in the Birmingham, Alabama area. Shuttlesworth had participated in various sit-ins, marches and demonstrations in an attempt to abolish segregation on buses, in restaurants, schools and recreation facilities. As a result of his civil rights activity, Shuttlesworth was arrested on several occasions by local police authorities in the Alabama area. He was also at this time active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and had formed in 1956 a new group called the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, which was dedicated to the abolition of racial segregation.

According to the "Cincinnati Post and Times Star", and the "Cincinnati Enquirer", daily newspapers in Cincinnati, Ohio, Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth has continued his efforts to abolish segregation in the Birmingham, Alabama area and has participated in several demonstrations at Cincinnati, Ohio. The same newspapers reported that Reverend Shuttlesworth, on April 17, 1966, was the concluding speaker at a demonstration march for integration in education at the site of the New Burton Elementary School in the Evendale area of Cincinnati, Ohio. On June 25, 1966, Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth was one

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REVEREND FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH (CONT'D)

of several arrested for trespassing on the grounds of Drake Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, in protest of the hospital's failure to re-employ ten Negroes who had been dismissed.

On November 1, 1967, both these newspapers reported that Reverend Shuttlesworth held a prayer vigil and march rally in Cincinnati, Ohio, in sympathy for Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. and his followers who were serving jail sentences in Birmingham, Alabama.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A third confidential source advised that a Communist Party functionary described Martin Luther King, Jr. as a confirmed Marxist in February, 1962.

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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot", a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the SCEF and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that Claude Lightfoot, a Communist Party Functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement, but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 8, 1966, that during the time that the SCHW was in existence members of the Communist Party were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive liberal organization, which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

Carl Braden and Anne Braden, Director and Associate Director respectively of the SCEF, were identified by Alberta Ahearn, 2311 Payne, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party on December 13, 1954, in her testimony in Jefferson County, Kentucky Court in the prosecution of Carl Braden under a state sedition statute, as members of the Communist Party in Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951 to December, 1954.

A third source advised on May 28, 1965, that George Mayer, a Communist Party functionary, expressed great admiration for Carl and Anne Braden and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that the SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 8, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio
February 13, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-17196

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead Memorandum of SA HUGH THOMAS FORSHA, dated and captioned as above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, for Chicago one, for New York one, and for WFO one, of LHM.

Source referred to is JFK Act 6 (4)

Informant advised the comments of KING referred to in the enclosed LHM were made during the evening of February 7, 1968. KING further commented that "maybe I should have a heart attack" and "we" could pull out of Washington because of my illness. In response to this, HOSEA WILLIAMS stated "maybe you should".

Informant advised that on the morning of 2/8/68 KING and ANDREW J. YOUNG were scheduled to meet with some ministerial group in Washington, D. C., but KING claimed he could not do so having "lost" his voice the preceding evening addressing the SCLC mass meeting in Washington. KING's declination to attend this meeting irked YOUNG. During breakfast that morning with several SCLC officials YOUNG claimed that KING never gets sick

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when he feels he is making progress but when he becomes discouraged (then discouraged re WSP) he becomes sick with almost anything very easily.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JFK Act 6 (4) WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JFK Act 6 (4) MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

CONFIDENTIAL

Atlanta, Georgia
February 12, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 8, 1968, a confidential source advised Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), recently commented to several officers of SCLC he was greatly concerned as to the probable success of SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP). He pointed out that to date very little progress appears to have been made on the part of SCLC personnel assigned the task of recruiting and training demonstrators for the WSP.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 12, 1968

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/12/68

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning a conference between an advisor and an aide of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), discussing ways of raising funds for King's massive civil disobedience campaign this spring.

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign which he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negroes.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

New York 3810-S* advised recently that Stanley Levison, former secret Communist Party member and principal advisor to King, was in conference with William Rutherford, Executive Director, SCLC, concerning funds for the Washington Spring Project. Levison advised he had examined the list of contributors to SCLC but there are no large donors on it.

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Levison suggested that a meeting be held in the home of Harry Belafonte, nationally known entertainer, of approximately sixty individuals who have contributed one thousand dollars or more to SCLC. Levison advised that some of the people to be invited to this meeting would be Governor and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, Mary and Stephen Rockefeller and Franklin D. Roosevelt III.

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Memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

It should be noted that Harry Belafonte, prior to coming into prominence, was a member of the Young Communist League (YCL). The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorney's General Pollak, Yeagley and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and the Departments of Army, Navy and Air Force.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 13, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information was furnished by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past:

Recently Stanley Levison, principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with William Rutherford, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, concerning funds for King's massive civil disobedience campaign called "Washington Spring Project." Levison stated he had examined the list of contributors to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and he did not observe any large donors on this list.

Rutherford mentioned that a suggestion had been made to have a group meeting of the larger contributors where someone would talk to the group and solicit funds. Levison suggested Andrew Young, Executive Vice President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, as the person to conduct that type of a meeting.

Levison then suggested that a meeting be held in the home of Harry Belafonte, a nationally known entertainer, of approximately sixty individuals who have contributed one thousand dollars or more to King's group in the past. Levison advised that some of the people to be invited to this meeting would be Governor and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, Mary and Stephen Rockefeller and Franklin D. Roosevelt III.

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Another source advised on October 28, 1958, that according to JFK Act 6 (4), Secretary at Communist Party Headquarters, New York City, before Harry Belafonte came into prominence, he had been a member of the Young Communist League.

The Young Communist League has been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A third source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Birmingham airtel and LHM to Bureau, 1/22/68; Washington Field airtel to Bureau, 2/6/68; and Miami airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Atlanta are 3 copies and for Washington Field and Birmingham, 2 copies each of LHM.

Source used in LHM is JOHN A. BURKE - Probationary Racial Informant (Ghetto).

Atlanta and Birmingham maintain contact with informants and sources close to KING and report results of SCLC meeting in Miami.

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The Atlanta Division, if such information is not already known, may desire to discreetly determine through the Freddie Henderson Travel Bureau, the identity of individuals and/or organizations who are assuming the rental charges for the 56 units at the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors in Miami. It is noted that the Four Ambassadors is an exclusive hotel-apartment complex which has just recently opened for business. 50 of the units, for which reservations have been made, will accommodate three and if necessary four persons, with a rental charge of $31 per unit per day. Six of the units are of the executive type, at a cost of $33 per day.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 10, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to communication from the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated February 5, 1968.

BOB ASHAUER, Chief of Security, Sheraton-Four Ambassadors, 801 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida, furnished the following information:

Fifty-six suites of the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel have been booked through Freddie Henderson Travel Bureau, Atlanta, Georgia, for the period February 19 - 23, 1968. The suites are for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and his party, estimated to be 150-200 persons. Fifty of the suites are deluxe rooms that can accommodate three to four individuals, and six of the suites are executive rooms. In addition, the Pan American Room, which can accommodate two hundred people, is being reserved for Dr. KING and his party. A request has been received to arrange for two luncheons, and in addition, a request has been received for extra meeting rooms. The additional meeting rooms are not available; however, the six executive rooms are sufficiently large to handle a group of 20 persons each.

With regard to security, arrangements have been made to hire one off-duty Miami police officer to stand guard at the entrance to the suite to be occupied by Dr. KING. Also, one off-duty Miami police officer and one off-duty Miami detective will be hired and stationed in the vicinity of the lobby and report on any unusual activity and in particular to report on pickets and demonstrators. Additional security will also be afforded through the 20 men regularly assigned to security at the hotel.

Information came to the attention of the resident manager, JAMES F. MIRACLE, and to the security department of the hotel on February 6, 1968, that ALPHONSO WOODALL, a Negro male, born April 2, 1923, residence 18501 N. W. 28th Place, Miami, is currently employed as a mechanic in the engineering department of the hotel under the supervision of GEORGE

BOURGET, engineer. According to BOURGET, WOODALL has indicated to him that he is extremely "anti-MARTIN LUTHER KING" and has agitated against KING in the past, in various locations. WOODALL displayed a photo scrapbook regarding his picketing of KING. Working with WOODALL at the hotel is one THOMAS FISHER, a Negro male, born April 9, 1937, residing at 1219 N. W. 66th Street, Miami. According to BOURGET, FISHER appears to be a supporter of KING rather than agitator.

ASHAUER stated that he has discussed this matter in detail with Sergeant EVERETT KAY, Intelligence Unit, Miami, Florida, Police Department, and every effort is being made to insure no trouble develops as a result of WOODALL's attitude toward Dr. KING.

On February 6, 1968, ALPHONSO WOODALL telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to report that he is currently employed at the Four Ambassadors. He reported that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be staying at the hotel in the near future. He went on to relate that he had been questioned by members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Miami, Florida, if he was going to picket Dr. KING when KING arrives in town. WOODALL stated that he informed SCLC that he had no plans to picket KING or to do anything against KING during KING's visit to Miami.

On February 9, 1968, MM T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ALPHONSO WOODALL is well known to him. He reported that WOODALL is violently opposed to all that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING stands for and that it could be expected that WOODALL will attempt some type of protest, during KING's visit to Miami. MM T-1 reported that he has no positive information in this regard, but will be alert for any unusual activities on the part of WOODALL.

MM T-1 reported that a close friend and associate of WOODALL is THOMAS WASHINGTON, a Negro male, described as a "disciple" of ADAM CLAYTON POWELL. He said WASHINGTON comes from the Liberty City section of Miami and is the type of individual who would assist WOODALL in demonstrations against Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

ALPHONSO WOODALL first came to the attention of the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 11, 1967, when he telephonically advised that a group of Negroes were meeting at the Mary Elizabeth Hotel, Miami, Florida. When contacted on July 31, 1967, WOODALL displayed newspaper clippings concerning himself. These articles indicated that in April, 1967, he picketed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Cleveland, Ohio. He picketed KING because of KING's stand against the war in Viet Nam. It was also indicated in the clippings that he picketed KING because he, WOODALL, had an 18 year old son who was killed in Viet Nam in January, 1967.

WOODALL was also quoted in these articles as saying he was going to get STOKELY CARMICHAEL with violence when he comes to Miami; however, CARMICHAEL has never come to Miami.

It was also indicated that he threw a brick through the window of Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL's campaign headquarters in New York City a few years ago. He hoped to get arrested and then expose the way POWELL was financing his campaign for re-election to Congress. According to WOODALL, they just repaired the window and never said anything.

When questioned concerning these articles, WOODALL stated that he never intended to commit any act of violence if CARMICHAEL had come to Miami, but merely intended to picket him as he had KING, and was misquoted by newspapers.

On August 2, 1967, WOODALL telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at about midnight. At this time, he appeared to be very upset, and WOODALL stated that he had heard that MARTIN LUTHER KING was going to come to Miami in the near future and that he was going to again picket him. He indicated that this picketing would be of a peaceful nature.

WOODALL appears to become upset over information concerning KING because of the death of his son in Viet Nam and also because he has another son currently serving in the United States Army.

On the morning of August 4, 1967, WOODALL telephonically contacted the Miami Office, at which time

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he apologized for his being upset when he last called the Office. He advised that he had received a letter from his son, ALPHONSO WOODALL, JR., who is currently in the United States Army and due to go to Viet Nam.

He stated that when he heard that KING was coming he became upset, recalling his anti-Viet Nam war stand.

He advised that if he picketed KING, it would be of a peaceful nature and according to the laws of the City of Miami.

The following is a description of WOODALL as obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	ALPHONSO WOODALL
Address:	18501 N. W. 28th Place Miami, Florida
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	April 2, 1923
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	170 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown

On February 9, 1968, information set forth above was discussed at length with Sergeant EVERETT KAY, Intelligence Unit, Miami Police Department. KAY reported that every effort will be made by the Police Department to keep ALPHONSO WOODALL and WOODALL's associates under close scrutiny during Dr. KING's visit to Miami, Sergeant KAY reported that several officers of the Miami Police Department will be available to assist in affording Dr. KING's visit appropriate security.

On February 9, 1968, the above information was also discussed with Lieutenant CHARLES BLACK, Intelligence Unit, Dade County Sheriff's Office.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the United States Secret Service, Miami, Florida; United

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States Attorney, Miami, Florida; the 111th M. I. Group, Miami, Florida, and Orlando, Florida; OSI,Robins Air Force Base, Georgia; and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-8428) ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE (PLAINTEXT)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-2476)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HAD MEETING AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH, PHILA., EVENING TWO NINE LAST AND MORNING TWO TEN INSTANT WITH VERY DISAPPOINTING ATTENDANCE.

KING LEFT PHILA., TWELVE THIRTY TWO PM, TWO TEN INSTANT BY AIR FOR ATLANTA.

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SOURCE IS LT. GEORGE FENCL, PH PD. CONF Source

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FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2543) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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(OO: WFO)

D. Daniels
Gaspard

Re Mobile airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 2/2/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memoranudm, dated and captioned as above, reflecting information about the activity of MARTIN LUTHER KING, in connection with captioned matter at Alabama. A number of copies of the LHM are also being disseminated to other Divisions in the manner shown below.

Confidential source mentioned in the enclosed LHM is ALBERT TURNER, a liaison source of the Mobile Division. CONF SOURCE

Dissemination of this information being made to local intelligence agencies by Mobile.

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Mobile, Alabama
February 9, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On February 9, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Martin Luther King was scheduled to visit Birmingham, Alabama, on Thursday, February 15, 1968, to preside at a meeting to be held at a CME Church, which the source believed was located at 300 Court Street, North. The meeting will be devoted to an explanation as to what the Washington Spring Movement is all about.

After the meeting at Birmingham, where King is expected to remain through the night of February 16, 1968, King will next visit Selma, Alabama, where he is expected to hold one similar meeting at 10:00 a.m., at the Tabernacle Baptist Church at 1410 North Broad Street, Selma, Alabama. Following the meeting at Selma, King will proceed to Montgomery, Alabama, where he is expected to hold another meeting on the same Saturday night, which will be devoted to explaining the aims and objectives of the Washington Spring Project.

The source further advised that Hosea Williams and T. Y. Rogers, Jr., both member of the Executive Staff of the SouthernChristian Leadership Conference (SCLC), will be at Marion, Alabama, on February 10, 1968, to preside at a meeting which will be held at a local Baptist church. This meeting, expected to attract Negroes from throughout the State of Alabama, will get under way at 10:00 a.m. Again, the source said, this meeting will be devoted to familiarizing those in attendance with the aims and objectives of the Washington Spring Project.

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Although the meeting is open to all Negroes, the source made it clear that the SCLC is the organization which is directing the Washington Spring Project and has no intention of permitting any other group within the Civil Rights Movement, to use the Washington Spring Project to promote its activities.

The source further advised that four Negroes departed Marion, Alabama, via Greyhound Bus on January 22, 1968, to attend a school at an undetermined place in Georgia. The school holds classes in citizenship education and is sponsored by the SCLC. The source remarked that these four individuals attending the school, departed Marion, alone and were not accompanied by Ben (Sunshine) Owens. The source said that Ben Owens is the assistant to Albert Turner, whom the source said was the State of Alabama Director for the Washington Spring Project.

The State of Alabama Department of Safety and local police agencies were notified of the plans of Martin Luther King to visit Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery, Alabama.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9097)

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Re Atlanta airtel and LHM to Bureau, 1/26/68; Jackson airtel to Bureau, 2/2/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies and for other Offices two copies, each, of LHM.

Source referred to in the LHM is JN 225-R.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Jackson, Mississippi
February 9, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 5, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Lawrence Guyot, Chairman, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, on February 2, 1968, and conferred with Dr. Martin Luther King. Source had no additional information as to the purpose of Guyot's visit in Atlanta, but possibly he was attempting to obtain support for the forthcoming 1968 Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago, Illinois.

On February 8, 1968, R. B. Cottonreader was contacted in regard to another matter and advised that he has been designated as Project Director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Quitman County, Mississippi, but continues to reside at Grenada, Mississippi, at the present time. He stated he plans to travel to Washington, D. C., for the April demonstration and anticipates taking 200 or 300 individuals from Mississippi with him. His plans are incomplete at this time, but he intends to ask for volunteers in the near future to accompany him to Washington, D. C.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum, and to Atlanta 2 copies suitable for dissemination. Copies furnished local intelligence agencies and USA, Birmingham.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama 35203
February 9, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 advised on February 7, 1968, that Rev. MARTIN L. KING, JR., will be in Birmingham Thursday, February 15, 1968, for a meeting with Negro Civil Rights leaders. A mass meeting will be held on the night of February 15, 1968, to hold a discussion on the Washington Spring Project. A question and answer period will be a part of this mass meeting.

On February 7, 1968, the following were furnished this information:

PAUL SATSINGER
111th MIG, Birmingham - 3:05 PM

Capt. MAURICE HOUSE
Birmingham Police Department - 3:15 PM

MELTON L. ALEXANDER
Assistant U. S. Attorney - 3:20 PM

Lt. RALPH HOLMES
Alabama State Troopers - 3:25 PM

LEON FRENCH
OSI - 3:32 PM

Captain DAVID ORANGE
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office - 3:40 PM

Mrs. YOUNG
U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham - 3:45 PM

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
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There are enclosed for the Bureau (11) eleven copies of an LHM containing info furnished by NY 3810-S* on 2/8/68, which concerns meetings held between MARTIN LUTHER KING and SCLC representatives with black nationalist leaders H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

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3- Atlanta (157- (Encls. 3) (RM)
(1- 100-5586) (M.L. KING)
(1- 100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)
1- Philadelphia (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)
2- Washington Field (Encls. 2) (RM)
1- New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (#41)
1- New York (100-160701) (RAP BROWN) (#43)
1- New York (100-153751) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL) (#43)
1- New York (100-156667) (CLERGYMEN CONCERNED) (#42)
1- New York (100-136585) (M.L. KING) (#41)
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NY 157-2052

The source used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is NY 694-S*. Same

Three copies of this LHM are being sent to the 108th INTC Group, NYC, one copy each to the Naval Investigative Service, OSI, USA, SDNY, all NYC, and one copy to the USA, EDNY. Same

This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from NY 3810-S*, a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "Secret" because it contains a concentration of info from NY 694-S* in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON. Same

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
February 9, 1968

Washington Spring Project
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on February 8, 1968, that on that date William Rutherford, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was in contact with Stanley Levison. Rutherford told Levison that he had been in Philadelphia attending a meeting, that there are some very important things going on in Philadelphia, and that the situation there is the best situation "we" have going. However, the source was unable to ascertain clarifying information about the situation in Philadelphia that Rutherford referred to.

The source continued that Rutherford advised Levison that the situation in Washington, D.C. was confused. He noted that they (SCLC representatives) held a couple of meetings "with Rap Brown and his commandos occupying the place with walkie talkies and bodyguards". He added that "they invaded this church and took it over. They wouldn't let people in." He said that "they" threw the press out of the meeting and that "they walked out of the meeting, disrupted it, occupied the church, and literally kept SCLC Board members out." The following morning, according to Rutherford, a picture of Stokely Carmichael appeared on the front page of the "Washington Post", captioned "Stokely Carmichael Discusses Washington Campaign with King" (Martin Luther King, President of the SCLC).

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Rutherford related that the day following the church meeting they (SCLC officials) held a private meeting "with these guys" and "lit into them". Rutherford stated that he told Stokely(Carmichael) that he, Rutherford, wanted to hear what Stokely had to say and that Stokely gave some "mealy-mouthed excuses" that did not stand up. Rutherford also noted that he told Carmichael that "these men told us" that they are interested in the total destruction of the United States.

Levison commented that he had heard Stokely say this and Rutherford's comment was that "this is what Rap (Brown) said last night". Rutherford continued that Stokely is now "sweet as pie. He pulled a power play on us in Washington", but did not win anything because everybody was opposing him.

Levison commented that he could not see the SCLC letting ten persons who threaten violence take over from hundreds. He described it as a dangerous thing, a king of black facism.

Rutherford, in referring to the meeting, related that a person named Courtland (phonetic), whom he described as having been with the Congress of Racial Equality, made the statement that "they" would not support "our campaign" in Washington, D.C., but would not participate in any opposition to it. He said this is "their whole life", that although they could not take part in something they do not believe in, even though they have trouble from their constituents, they would not oppose it because anything that leads to liberation is worthwhile.

Rutherford said that King became very upset after this private meeting and began berating him. He said he told King that what "they"said is clear and that the SCLC knows now where they stand, that all the SCLC wanted and needed

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"from them" was that they would not attempt to divide the community. He said "they" were honest, that "they" stated that if the SCLC fails in Washington, "we're going to get a lot of new recruits" but if the SCLC is successful "we are going to be in trouble". He recalled that at this moment King made a point, that if "they" should denounce the government, denounce the SCLC campaign and criticize it, this would create an atmosphere within which non-violence would have a better chance of succeeding. He added that Stokely responded that they have enough problems, that there is enough confusion and division in the black community, and that, if they should speak out against King or what he is doing, people will not know which way to turn.

Levison commented that he agreed with Carmichael and disagreed with King on this point. He inquired as to why King was upset.

Rutherford stated that King said the enemy was violence and began to preach on how violence begets violence.

Levison related that the key is that King states the enemy is violence which is not true. The enemy are the forces preventing them from getting rights and violence is one of the methods. He said that, therefore, they are trying to develop a counter technique to violence.

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, in its issue dated February 11, 1968, page one, contains an article on the protest against United States involvement in the war in Vietnam in Washington, D.C. on February 5,6, 1968, sponsored by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam. It states that King addressed the gathering of clergymen and laymen and told them that "it was imperative that the freedom and peace movements be joined. Describing the worsening economic conditions, he appealed to the religious leaders to join and support the demonstrations his organization has planned for Washington in April". The article also notes that King made it clear that the targets of the demonstrations would be the Vietnam war and Congress.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP,USA), in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in this position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-8428) ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE (PLAINTEXT)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-2476) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT RM.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED THIS DATE MARTIN LUTHER KING ARRIVED PHILA. BY PLANE SEVEN THIRTY AM AND HELD MEETINGS AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH FIFTY SECOND AND PARRISH STS., PHILA., WITH MINISTERIAL, CIVIL RIGHTS, EDUCATIONAL, AND NEGRO GROUPS. KING EXPECTED TOTAL OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE AT FIVE MEETINGS LASTING FROM NINE TO FOUR. NO MORE THAN A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN PEOPLE SHOWED UP IN THE AM AND KING BROKE FOR LUNCH AT NOON, DISILLUSIONED AND DISGUSTED. HE HAD NOT RETURNED FROM LUNCH AT THREE PM. MEETINGS WITH OTHER GROUPS SCHEDULED UNTIL LATE NIGHT OF FEB. NINE INSTANT AND ALSO EIGHT AM TO TWELVE NOON FEB. TEN, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN HE IS TO LEAVE PHILA.

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INFO CONTAINED IN REWFO AIRTEL IS AT VARIANCE WITH INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY PHILA. CONTAINED IN PHILA. AIRTEL OF NOV. SIX SIXTYSEVEN. CONTACT WITH CAPT. RUFUS WULLIAMS AND SGT. JOHN ZEIGLER, PENNA. STATE POLICE, PHILA., FEB. NINE INSTANT, DOES NOT RESOLVE WHERE PSP OBTAINED INFO RE JOHN HENRY MAYBANK BEING IN PHILA. TO JOIN KINGS WSP. CONTACT BEING MADE AT HARRISBURG, PA., PSP, HEADQUARTERS WHICH WOULD BE ONLY PLACE INFO REFERRED TO IN WFO AIRTEL WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO BE DISSEMINATED BY PSP.

LT. GEORGE FENCL, PHILA. PD, SOURCE REFERRED TO ABOVE, ADVISED FEB. NINE INSTANT HE HAD NO INFO THAT MAYBANK HAS BEEN IN PHILA. SINCE EARLY NOV. SIXTYSEVEN. LT. FENCL ADVISED PHILA. PD PROVIDED DRIVER AND ESCORT FOR KING FOR HIS STAY IN PHILA.

INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES COGNIZANT.

LHM FOLLOWS. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-~~2924~~ 2474)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 2/7/68, this caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau 13 copies of an LHM re the above, with copies as noted for offices indicated below, for information.

Conf. Source

The source utilized in the enclosed is Sergeant BURT LOVELY, Security Section, Bureau of Inspectional Services, Chicago Police Department (protect-requested). The second source used to characterize BEVEL is CG 6905-S. Source

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Chicago is following and subsequent pertinent developments will be appropriately provided the Bureau and interested offices.

The enclosed is being classified confidential to provide protection for second source, above, as unauthorized disclosure might compromise source.

Copies of the above memorandum are being disseminated locally to the United States Attorney, Chicago, Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2924

Chicago, Illinois
February 9, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTERS

A confidential source, an agency which collects security type information in the Chicago area, advised as follows, on February 8, 1968:

On the evening of February 2, 1968, a meeting was held at the offices of the West Side Organization (WSO), Chicago, for the purpose of affording Martin Luther King, Jr., an opportunity to solicit support from WSO members for the Washington Spring Project (WSP), being promoted and organized by King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). As publicly described by King, the WSP is an effort to mobilize large numbers of persons in Washington, D. C., in April, 1968, in protest of alleged United States Government failure to solve the problems of the poor in this country.

As it developed, King did not appear. It was announced King's wife was ill.

Approximately 95 persons were present. Appearing for King at this meeting was Reverend Ralph Abernathy, SCLC official, and Reverend James Bevel, of the Urban Training Center, 40 North Ashland, Chicago, former SCLC official in charge of the Chicago SCLC staff.

Both Bevel and Abernathy advised those present of the purposes of the WSP, and requested support for and participants for it. There was no response at all evident to appeals of either Bevel or Abernathy, to the evident disgust of both.

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Both related that the demonstrators would set up tents on the White House lawn, in Washington, and that everybody who participates should be prepared to go to jail. Bevel advised that the White House does not belong to President Johnson, that it was God given to the people. Bevel and Abernathy advised they would remain in the "confines" of the White House, until Congress agrees to such as a guaranteed annual income for black people.

Josephine Baker, described by source as a former well-known entertainer, now residing in France, was also a guest speaker. She stated she had experienced a difficult time getting back into this country. She had marched with Dr. King on his earlier march on Washington, and as a result it appeared she was not wanted here. She described the importance of the tent-in on the White House lawn, and urged all those present to participate. Her remarks, according to the source, were also received by those present with no enthusiasm, and no apparent volunteers.

Regarding James Bevel, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in March, 1966, that Bevel had recently been present at offices of the West Side Chicago W.E.B. Du Bois Club. Discussion concerned the recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a communist front. Bevel advised he would have ignored this notification, feeling that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then the people would answer for the clubs, despite any labels.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan of the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement, only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the SCLC, the real target.

One of those present stated during the course of the discussion that he was not a communist, to which Bevel replied that every thinking American should be. He advised that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

The W.E.B. DuBois Clubs, local and national, are characterized in the attached appendix pages. Sources utilized have furnished reliable information in the past.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the following:

Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Office of the United States Attorney,
Chicago, Illinois

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group
Evanston, Illinois

The WSO, referred to previously, is a small, civil rights type group operating on Chicago's near west side. It concerns itself principally with employment and welfare problems of Negro residents of this area.

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APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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D. Mitchell

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau dated 2/7/68.

Information developed by Birmingham sources CSBH 369-R and CSBH 284-R during the past week reflects that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., will speak at a mass meeting to be held in Birmingham on the evening of 2/15/68 in regard to his Washington Spring Project. The above information was furnished to the Bureau by referenced teletype and followed by letterhead memorandum. All Birmingham sources and liaison sources have been alerted. They will attend the meeting and both the Bureau and Atlanta will be advised of all pertinent developments.

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12-11 PM URGENT 2-9-68 EMP

TO DIRECTOR 157-8428 ATLANTA 157-2924 AND PHILADELPHIA 157-2476 CODE

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 157-2052 2 P

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT; RACIAL MATTERS.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION TWO EIGHT LAST.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CAME TO NEW YORK FROM WDC ON TWO EIGHT LAST TO TAPE TELEVISION SHOW. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO ADVISE WHERE KING STAYED OVERNIGHT; HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY BILL RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), LATE ON TWO EIGHT LAST, "IMPORTANT THINGS" ARE GOING ON IN PHILADELPHIA AND KING SHOULD BE THERE ON TIME. SOURCE COULD NOT ADVISE TIME OF ARRIVAL OF MARTIN LUTHER KING IN PHILADELPHIA EXCEPT THAT IT IS EXPECTED KING WILL BE THERE INSTANT DATE. IT IS NOTED THAT KING APPEARED AS GUEST OF JOHNNY CARSON "TONITE SHOW" AT ELEVEN THIRTY PM, TWO EIGHT LAST. CHANNEL FOUR

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RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE TO BUREAU FEBRUARY EIGHTH.

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TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM.

RE TELEPHONE CALL TO WFO BY JFK Act 6 (4) FEBRUARY 6 AND 7, 1968.

ON EVENING FEBRUARY 8, 1968 REFERENCED INFORMANT ADVISED ATLANTA HE LEARNED THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT SCLC AND OTHER SCLC OFFICIALS, MET WITH STOKELY CARMICHAEL FROM APPROXIMATELY 6:30 PM UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 8:30 PM FEBRUARY 7, 1968 AT PITTS MOTOR HOTEL, 1451 BELMONT STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS MEETING WAS A CONGENIAL ONE DURING WHICH CARMICHAEL STATED NEITHER HE NOR SNCC WOULD OPPOSE SCLC, BUT COULD NOT JOIN WITH SCLC IN WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. MAJORITY OF SCLC STAFF MEMBERS OF PERSONAL OPINION THAT CARMICHA AND SNCC CANNOT BE TRUSTED SO FAR AS NOT GIVING SCLC DIFFICULTY WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. KING, LATER SUGGESTED TO SCLC OFFICIALS THAT CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE

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GIVEN BY SCLC TO ESTABLISHING "LOCAL GROUPS" IN WASHINGTON, D.C. OR OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE SNCC MIGHT APPEAR TO BE CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR SCLC. THESE LOCAL GROUPS WOULD OPPOSE SNCC IN WHATEVER MANNER MIGHT BE NECESSARY INSTEAD OF SCLC DIVERTING ITS ENERGIES FROM THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT TO DO SO. SCLC OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING KING IN MEETING WITH CARMICHAEL WERE ANDREW J. YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SCLC, RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDNET AND TREASURER, SCLC, HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC, J.T. JOHNSON, FIELD ORGANIZER, SCLC, JESSE JACKSON, NORTHERN DIRECTOR PROJECT BREADBASKET, SCLC AND JAMES BEVEL, FORMER DIRECTOR DIRECT ACTION SCLC. INFORMANT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THAT H. RAP BROWN, SNCC, ATTENDED THIS MEETING. HE MOMENTARILY OBSERVED CARMICHAEL IN HOTEL SHORTLY PRIOR TO MEETING. INFORMANT DID NOT ATTEND ABOVE MEETING BUT OBTAINED FORGOING INFORMATION DURING SOCIAL GATHERING OF SCLC OFFICIALS DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS FEBRUARY 8, 1968.

ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

LHM FOLLOWS FEBRUARY 9, 1968.

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Mr. Tavel

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

D. Dawson
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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 2/8/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, for Chicago two, for New York two, and for WFO two, of LHM.

Source referred to is JFK Act 6 (4)

Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is NY 4171-S*. Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are NY 4171-S* and NY 694-S*. Source utilized to characterize JAMES BEVEL is CG 6905-S.

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THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by AY 694-S*. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 9, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 8, 1968, a confidential source advised that a meeting of the Executive Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was held February 6 and 7, 1968, in Washington, D. C., at the Church of the Redeemer, 15th and Girard Streets, N. E.

Source said he had learned that for approximately two hours during the early evening of February 7, 1968, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC; Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC; Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC; Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC; J. T. Johnson, Field Organizer, SCLC; Jesse Jackson, Northern Director, Project Breadbasket, SCLC; and James Bevel, former Director, Direct Action, SCLC, met with Stokely Carmichael of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). This meeting was held in the Pitts Motor Hotel, 1451 Belmont Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The essential purpose of Reverend King and other SCLC officials meeting with Carmichael was to request SNCC not to interfere with SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) scheduled to commence in early April 1968.

During this meeting, Carmichael was quite congenial and said neither he nor SNCC would oppose SCLC's WSP. However, he stated neither he nor SNCC would be able to join with SCLC in this project. Source was unable to furnish any further details regarding this meeting.

Source advised it was his current understanding that most SCLC officials are doubtful that Carmichael or SNCC

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can be trusted to not interfere with SCLC's efforts concerning the WSP.

Reverend King commented to several SCLC officials that in anticipation of SNCC creating problems (not explained) for SCLC in implementing the WSP it might be very practical for SCLC to organize "local groups" in Washington, D. C., and other communities concerned with the WSP. The function of these groups, he said, would be to oppose any undesirable activity on the part of SNCC rather than require SCLC personnel to divert their energies from the WSP.

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JAMES BEVEL

BEVEL, in early March, 1966 was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side W.E.B. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCC). Discussion took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that every thinking American should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
February 9, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

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Date: 2/8/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236)(P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination and enclosed for Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Washington Field, is one copy each of the LHM

Confidential Informant T-1 is CS BH 284-R.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
February 8, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On February 5, 1968, BH T-1 advised that Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth was to have participated in a leadership meeting in Washington, D. C., on February 6, 1968, regarding Rev. M. L. King's planned march in April. BH T-1 said Rev. Shuttlesworth has stated he does not look with favor on any coalition between hippies, radical pacifists, draft card burners, black power exponents and the civil rights organization because he cannot conceive of anything short of violence taking place when these type factions get into a demonstration.

BH T-1 said Shuttlesworth recently stated, "It would be impossible not to get the wrong people in such a march and once violence got started you couldn't control it." According to BH T-1, Shuttlesworth intends to raise questions about the wisdom of King's widely publicized Washington demonstrations for April. BH T-1 said Shuttlesworth feels that Rev. King will try to find an honorable way to back down from the planned demonstrations. Rev. Shuttlesworth said the country is in no condition to stand "that type of thing" but he is opposed to the Vietnam war and also to draft card burning.

It is noted that Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth is president of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, a pro-integration organization with headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama. Rev. Shuttlesworth presently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
February 8, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Birmingham letterhead memorandum dated February 8, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER
(OO:WFO)

ReWFOtel to Director and SAC Atlanta, 2/7/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Atlanta, Chicago, New York, and Richmond two copies each of an LHM dated and captioned as above. The first confidential source mentioned in LHM is JFK Act 6 (4) who furnished information to SA CHARLES A. FERGUSON on 2/7/68. Source

The following sources attended mass SCLC meeting described in enclosed LHM: WF 1827-S, WF 1295 PRI, WF 1602-R, PRI JAMES R. FLETCHER, and PRI JOHN SMITH. Sources Source

Enclosed LHM classified "Confidential" to protect the identities of extremely valuable confidential informants who furnished information contained therein.

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This matter will continue to be followed closely by WFO.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535

February 8, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 7, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was scheduled to meet with Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) some time during the evening of February 7, 1968, at the Pitts' Motor Hotel, 1451 Belmont Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The February 8, 1968, edition of the "Washington Post and Times Herald," a daily Washington, D. C., newspaper, reported that King had met with leaders of the SCLC and SNCC on the night of February 7, 1968. Among SNCC representatives who reportedly met with King was H. Rap Brown.

Later during the evening of February 7, 1968, King attended a mass meeting at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, 1630 Vermont Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., which was sponsored by the SCLC.

Several confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised there were between 800 and 1,000 persons attending the meeting of which approximately one hundred were white.

The meeting was presided over by Reverend Jefferson Rogers, of the Church of the Redeemer, 15th and Girard Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C. King was the main speaker; however, several others made short presentations to the group prior to King's arrival. Among these speaking to the group were:

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Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy, Washington, D. C.

Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia

Reverend John Wheeler, Arlington, Virginia

Reverend Ernest R. Gibson, Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Prior to King's arrival, Hosea L. Williams, SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, led the group singing freedom songs. A collection was taken in support of the SCLC by Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy and approximately $1,000 was collected.

Henry Brownlee and J. T. Johnson were introduced as SCLC representatives working in Washington, D. C. on behalf of the Washington Spring Project (WSP).

King was introduced by Reverend Jesse Jackson, SCLC representative from Chicago, Illinois. King spoke for approximately thirty minutes asking support of Washington, D. C. residents for the WSP. He did not discuss specific plans for the WSP but did describe it as a "wait in" with the indication that the demonstrators would remain in Washington until satisfactory results were obtained.

King stated the "hard core poor" would come to Washington for the project and would continue the demonstration until some type of action was taken by Congress, assuring them of jobs or income.

King indicated no violence was planned for the project but did state that whatever action necessary would be taken to achieve their goals.

King told his audience that the enemy of the black man was not the Viet Cong, but rather some southern congressmen and legislators.

King concluded his remarks after 11:00 p.m. and the meeting ended at approximately 11:20 p.m.

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4:20PM 2-8-68 URGENT JLK

TO DIRECTOR ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE, NEW YORK, AND ATLANTA

ALL STSA PLAINTEXT

FROM PHILADELPHIA 157-2476

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT; RM RACIAL MATTER

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISES DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL BE IN PHILA FEBRUARY NINE AND TEN NEXT, AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH, FIFTY SECOND AND PARRISH STS., PHILA., TO CONDUCT MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS WITH VARIOUS CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS RE WSP. ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION ONLY.

KING SCHEDULED TO BE ON JOHNNY CARSON "TONITE SHOW" HOSTED BY HARRY BELAFONTE NITE OF FEBRUARY EIGHT INSTANT. SHOW IS NORMALLY TAPED IN NYC PRIOR TO RELEASE AT ELEVEN THIRTY PM OVER NBC TV.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

RE PH AIRTEL JAN THIRTYONE LAST.

NY AND ATLANTA ADVISE PH OF ANY INFO RE TIME OF KING'S ARRIVAL IN PHILA. PHILA PD ALSO DESIRES THIS INFO.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

INTELLIGECE AGENCIES COGNIZANT.

SOURCE IS LT. GEORGE FENCL, PHPD, CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE UNIT, WHO REQUESTED IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED OUTSIDE BUREAU.

ATLANTA ADVISED SEPARATELY

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Date: 2/7/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968
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Re Chicago teletype dated 2/5/68, captioned as above.

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(1 - 100-438794) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
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4 - Atlanta (Enc.4) (RM)
(2 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
(1 - 157-2924) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
(1 - 100-5718) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
2 - Los Angeles (Enc.2) (RM)
(1 - 157-) (JOHNNIE TILMON)
(1 - 157-) (POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS, 5/12/68 & 6/30 - 7/1/68, BY NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION)
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(2 - 157-) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
(1 - 157-) (POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS,
5/12/68 & 6/30 - 7/1/68, BY
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5 - Chicago
(1 - 105-16238) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
(1 - 157-2474) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
(1 - 157-NEW) (POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS,
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of an LHM concerning the captioned matters with copies designated for interested offices for information, as indicated below.

Chicago is following and any subsequent, pertinent information will be approriately provided the Bureau and any interested offices.

The sources utilized in the enclosed LHM, in order of use are the Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department (protect-requested) and CG 7116-R (PROB).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
February 7, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. CG 100-35356
157-2410

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of February 2, 1968, under the caption, "Washington Spring Project (WSP), Racial Matter," which in part reflected that Martin Luther King, Jr. was to be in Chicago on that date where he was to appear as a speaker for the West Side Organization (WSO), a small West Side Civil Rights group in Chicago.

On February 5, 1968, a confidential source, which collects intelligence information in the Chicago area, advised that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, had arrived in Chicago at 11:20 a.m. on this date from Atlanta, via Delta Airlines Flight 614. King was accompanied by SCLC officers, Reverend Andrew Young and Reverend Ralph Abernathy.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 5, 1968,

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that King was in Chicago at this time generally to provide impetus to the local organizing efforts in behalf of the WSP, a program whereby the SCLC plans to mobilize large numbers of persons in Washington, D.C. during April, 1968, to protest United States Government failures to solve the problems of the poor.

N.Y. Wash DC

In this connection King reportedly planned to meet with George Wiley, believed to be from New York City, and who is head of the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO). The NWRO is currently holding a three-day convention in Chicago.

According to this source, Wiley was at a recent meeting in New York City, New York, where support for the WSP was solicited by SCLC personnel; however, Wiley would not agree to participate in this SCLC project. King's contact with Wiley in Chicago, therefore, will represent an effort to persuade him of the importance of lending his support to the WSP.

This source, as well as the first source, advised King has no known public appearances scheduled while in Chicago other than a press conference to be held sometime during the late afternoon or evening of this date. King is also not known to have any meetings scheduled with the local SCLC staff; however, it was expected that in all probability he would meet individually with some key local personnel in connection with the WSP.

No information was available to either of the above sources concerning King's departure plans from Chicago, although it was anticipated he would depart Chicago during the late evening hours of February 5, 1968, or early on February 6, 1968.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968

Both sources advised that King did not appear in Chicago as scheduled on February 2, 1968, at the West Side Offices of the WSO.

Chicago's press media, on February 5, 1968, carried articles relating to a press conference held on that date in Chicago by King. Xerox copies of articles relating to this press conference are attached to this memorandum, namely, from the "Chicago Sun Times" and the "Chicago Daily News," both daily Chicago newspapers.

These articles are self-explanatory as to content; however, it might be noted that information is contained therein relating to Dr. King's possible participation in demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, which is to be held in Chicago in August, 1968, as well as possible demonstrations on May 12, 1968, and June 30 and July 1, 1968, nationwide, by the NWRO. The latter is described in one of these articles as a new welfare organization, representing some 6,000 dues-paying welfare recipients.

Sergeant John P. O'Malley, Human Relations Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised on February 6, 1968, that the Chicago Police Department was cognizant of King's presence in Chicago on February 5, 1968, and of the general content of his remarks at his press conference held on that date. He advised that no incidents or disturbances had occurred in Chicago in connection with King's presence here.

Copies of this memorandum are being provided to the following agencies:

Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago;

United States Secret Service, Chicago;

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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King May Join Protest At Democratic Parley

By Lillian Calhoun

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said Monday he probably will join demonstrations around the Democratic National Convention this summer in Chicago.

"I haven't made any commitment on that," he said, "but it is perfectly logical, necessary and sound for demonstrations to take place around the Democratic convention . . . "I think the Democratic convention needs to be confronted in view of the war position of the Democratic President."

Dr. King said the nation is spending "$80 billion for death and destruction." He said his decision on Chicago would be determined by the response in Washington to his "poor people's campaign" there this summer.

Dr. King held a joint press conference with the Rev. Ralph Abernathy of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff and leaders of the National Welfare Rights Organization.

Dr. King said he had held fruitful discussions with Mrs. Johnnie Tilmon, NWRO chairman from Los Angeles; Dr. George Wiley, NWRO executive director, and other leaders of the group.

"We absolutely share the goals of this organization and agree with its basic purposes: jobs, income now, adequate income, justice and democracy," Dr. King said.

He said SCLC and NWRO will "work closer together as we grapple with the problems of the poor."

Mrs. Tilmon said women welfare recipients from 31 states had been meeting in Chicago the last three days.

The new welfare organization plans demonstrations throughout the nation on May 12 (Mothers Day) and June 30-July 1, when new amendments affecting welfare recipients go into effect.

The demonstrations, Wiley and Dr. King said, will be aimed at forcing Congress to repeal the amendments the group considers "restrictive."

Dr. King said the mobilization of the poor in Washington "will be educational and agenciesof the federal government will be the target. We must find some way to dramatize the plight of the poor.

"This may be in the form of bonus marches similar to the ones held in the 1930s or a show how poor people live," Dr. King said.

"There will be possibilities of civil disobedience," he said in reply to a question. "But we wll begin by following 1st Amendment privileges. If Congress refuses to respond, the protest will take on asepcts of civil disobedience."

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Dr. King Issues a Warning on Dems' Parley

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said yesterday that he favors demonstrations during the Democratic party convention in Chicago in August if the results of his scheduled Washington demonstration fail this spring.

Dr. King, who was in Chicago to meet with leaders of the National Welfare Rights organization, said that he has no plans to come to Chicago to demonstrate, but "probably would" if Congress did not respond to his recommendations for economic programs for the poor.

"The Democratic party should be demonstrated against for its present war position and for its failure in Congress to respond to economic problems in the urban areas that are causing riots," Dr. King said at a press conference in the Y. M. C. A. hotel, 826 S. Wabash av.

Agreement Is Told

Dr. King said that he and officials of the welfare rights organization were in agreement on mass demonstrations by the poor.

The welfare organization has been meeting in Chicago for three days. Its spokesman, Dr. George Wiley, said that the organization represents about 6,000 dues-paying welfare recipients.

Freeze Is Opposed

He said that the organization will hold a nation-wide demonstration of one million mothers who are on welfare and about 4½ million of their children to voice opposition to the new social security law.

Specifically, he said, the organization opposes the federal "freeze" on state welfare roles which is to go into effect July 1, and the requirements for some recipients to put their children in foster homes and take jobs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST
RACIAL MATTER

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop

DATE: February 7, 1968

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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning a conference held between Stanley Levison and William Rutherford, advisor and aide respectively to Martin Luther King, Jr., outlining tactics to be used in King's massive civil disobedience campaign.

BACKGROUND:

King has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D. C., which he calls the "Washington Spring Project" (WSP) in early 1968 to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

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NY 3810-S* recently advised Stanley Levison, long-time secret Communist Party member and principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was in conference with William Rutherford, Executive Director of SCLC, concerning the "Washington Spring Project." Levison informed that he has met with Harry Wachtel, Clarence Jones, and Bayard Rustin, all with subversive backgrounds, concerning King's "Washington Spring Project." Levison advised that Rustin showed his true colors by opposing civil disobedience and involving the peace issue with the WSP. Levison felt the tactics King and his

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group will use in conducting the WSP must be agreed upon and made known to interested individuals. Rutherford advised tentative tactics have been discussed and are as follows:

The first week of the "Washington Spring Project" calls will be made on Congressmen by the demonstrators. During the second week the demonstrators will call on department heads such as the Secretary of Labor. On the first visit demands will be made and on the second visit sit-ins will be conducted.

In addition to the above, it has been reported that the Communist Party of Cleveland, Ohio, is showing an interest in King's "Washington Spring Project" and members thereof have expressed the opinion that every Communist Party member in Cleveland should do all he could to contact people in various groups and through organizations to urge them to take an active part in the proposed demonstrations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretaries of Labor, Agriculture, Defense; Secret Service; Attorney General; Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; Army; Navy; and Air Force.

The Washington Field Office is being instructed to furnish this information to police authorities and other interested local agencies.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 8, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been furnished by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently Stanley Levison, principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with William Rutherford, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Levison informed that he had recently held a meeting with Harry Wachtel, Clarence Jones, and Bayard Rustin concerning King's massive civil disobedience program called "Washington Spring Project."

According to Levison, Rustin showed his true colors by opposing civil disobediences and opposing involving the peace issue with the "Washington Spring Project."

Levison felt the tactics King and his group will use in conducting the massive civil disobediences must be agreed upon and made known to interested individuals. Rutherford advised that some tentative tactics have been discussed which are as follows:

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During the first week of the "Washington Spring Project" calls will be made on Congressmen by demonstrators from 17 different areas. During the second week of the campaign the demonstrators will call on the heads of departments such as the Secretary of Labor. On the first visit the demonstrators will make their demands known and on the second visit, if the demands are not met, a sit-in will be conducted.

With respect to the individuals referred to above it is noted that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964 he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by the Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

In March, 1944, the name Harry Wachtel was on a list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the headquarters of Kings County Communist Party, Brooklyn, New York. At that time the name of Leonora Wachtel, wife of Harry Wachtel, and her address were listed on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

On February 26, 1957, a source identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

During the early 1940s Bayard Rustin was a member of the Young Communist League, an organization which has

been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The records of this Bureau's Identification Division contain the following arrest record for Bayard Rustin:

On January 12, 1944, he was arrested for violation of the Selective Service Act and on February 17, 1944, received a sentence of three years. On September 15, 1948, he was arrested in New York City on a disorderly conduct charge and was sentenced to 15 days. On January 21, 1953, he was arrested at Pasadena, California, for offering to engage in an act of sex perversion of a homosexual nature which he admitted and for which he was sentenced to serve 60 days.

In addition to the above, it has been reported that the Communist Party of Cleveland, Ohio, is showing an interest in King's "Washington Spring Project" and members thereof have expressed the opinion that every Communist Party member in Cleveland should do all he can to contact people in various groups and through organizations to urge them to take an active part in the proposed demonstrations.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

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NYO has no informant in a position to attend the SCLC Board Meeting, scheduled for the period February 6 - 7, 1968, in Washington, D.C. It is further believed that any meeting between MARTIN LUTHER KING, STOKELY CARMICHAEL, and perhaps H. RAP BROWN, would be a restrictive meeting, attended only by specific individuals selected by MARTIN LUTHER KING. No New York Office security informant has been invited to attend such conference.

New York racial informants have been alerted to report all aspects and developments of the Washington Spring Project. It is pointed out that NY 3810-S* is in a position from time to time, to furnish information on a current basis, concerning the Washington Spring Project.

Information developed by this source and others will be furnished promptly to the Bureau and interested Offices.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER
(OO:WFO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Atlanta, Chicago, and Richmond two copies each of an LHM dated and captioned as above. The confidential informant mentioned in LHM is WF 1872-R who furnished the information to SA ROBERT N. WALL on 2/6/68. Source

Enclosed LHM classified "Confidential" as it contains information furnished by WF 1872-R who enjoys an extremely delicate relationship with SNCC. Information furnished by this source, if disclosed, could possibly jeopardize the source's future usefulness.

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2 - Atlanta (157-2924) (Encs. 2) (RM)
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(1-100-40164) (KING)
(1-100-43503) (CARMICHAEL)
(1-157-1426) (BLACK UNITED FRONT)
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In addition to those individuals mentioned in enclosed LHM as attending the meeting, WF 1872-R advised the following persons were also in attendance:

DORA MC DONALD, SCLC, Atlanta (KING's secretary)

FRED BENNETTE, SCLC, Atlanta

HENRY BROWNLEE, SCLC

ANTHONY HENRY, SCLC, Chicago

BERNARD (LNU) Probably BARNARD LAFAYETTE, SCLC

LESTER (LNU) Probably LESTER HANKERSON, SCLC

recruiter assigned to WDC.

VENITTA HENRY, 1350 Talbert Ter., S.E., WDC, an observer.

JAMES MOONE, 6434 Kansas Lane, Takoma Park, Maryland, an observer.

KAY HOWARD, Alexandria, Virginia, an observer.

MAGGIE CARTER, JOHN CARTER, and VALENTINE BURROUGHS, all of 1221 Trinidad Avenue, N. E., WDC.

PEARL JACKSON, 7831, Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia.

FRANCES ALLISON, SCLC, Atlanta

KATHERYN GRANTLING, 4801 - 1st St., S.W., WDC.

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MILTON HAWKINS and JOSEPH ~~DOLLEY~~, both observers from Howard University.

JAMES ~~NUTALL~~, 2395 Elvans Rd., S.E., WDC.

Extreme care should be used in the dissemination of the above names as those identities were known to very few select persons at the meeting one of which was the source.

This matter will continue to be followed closely by WFO.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535
February 7, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 6, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had attended a meeting at the Church of the Redeemer, 15th and Girard Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C. (WDC), during the evening of February 6, 1968.

The source stated the meeting was held in order for Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Stokely Carmichael, of the Black United Front (BUF) to discuss matters of mutual interest and the Washington Spring Project (WSP) planned for early April, 1968, by Doctor King and the SCLC.

The source stated that on his arrival a very informal meeting was in progress in one of the rooms of the church. The meeting was presided over by King who was discussing the WSP and explaining that WDC residents would be called upon to

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provide assistance in the form of food, shelter, clothing, and related support. During the presentation source noticed the following SCLC representatives had stationed themselves near King:

James Bevel

Andrew J. Young

Jessie Jackson

William A. Rutherford

When the above meeting was ended the church was emptied and only those were allowed to re-enter who were personally known to two representatives of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) who stationed themselves at the entrance. In addition, admission was granted to a few who were vouched for or who were able to satisfactorily explain their reason for attending. Admission was denied to all representatives of the press and no tape recorders were allowed in the meeting.

The meeting was held in the main portion of the building and was attended by approximately two hundred persons. Of those in attendance, approximately one hundred and fifty were representatives of the BUF and SNCC while approximately fifty represented SCLC.

Stokely Carmichael and Lester McKinnie of SNCC were in attendance, however, neither made any type of formal speech or presentation.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

This meeting was presided over by King who restated what he had said in the meeting mentioned earlier. In addition, he said there were people in the audience who did not agree with the planned WSP and asked that these people not hinder the project even though they were not in agreement.

King reminisced about past demonstrations and projects of the SCLC and their effect.

Doctor King advised they expected approximately 3,000 persons to come to WDC for the WSP. They plan to camp on the Washington Monument or the Lincoln Memorial grounds. They fully expect to be asked to move and when this is done it will draw desired attention to themselves and their cause. No mention of militancy or civil disobedience was made and King indicated they would move their camp when asked to do so.

King indicated there would be similar demonstrations in other cities during the same period of time as the WSP. He did not identify these cities.

An announcement was made of a mass meeting of the SCLC at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, 1630 Vermont Avenue, N. W., WDC, on February 7, 1968.

The meeting ended at approximately 11:00 p.m.

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FBI

Date: 2/6/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO:WFO)

There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven (11) copies of an LHM containing information furnished by NY 3810-S* on 2/2 - 3 - 4/68, relating to the Washington Spring Project and the plan to solicit contributions from the donors of $1,000.00 or more to the SCLC.

ENCLOSURE

4 - Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)
(1 - 100-106670) (M. L. KING)
3 - Atlanta (157-) (Encls. 3) (RM)
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(1 - 100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)
2 - Washington Field (Encls. 2) (RM)
1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (41)
1 - New York (100-26031) (MOE FONER) (47)
1 - New York (100-48143) (LEON DAVIS) (47)
1 - New York (100-111604) (HARRY BELAFONTE) (45)
1 - New York (100-136585) (M. L. KING) (41)
1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (43)
1 - New York (100-153735) (CIRM) (41)
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The sources used in characterization in this LHM are:

Same
NY 2101-S — MOE FONER

Same
Former ND-301 — LEON DAVIS

Same
NY 694-S* — STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY BELAFONTE

This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from Same NY 3810-S* a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "Secret" because it contains a concentration of information from NY 694-S* in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON. Same

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
February 6, 1968

Washington Spring Project
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on February 2, 1968, that on that night Andrew Young (Executive Vice-President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC) and Stanley Levison were to meet with Leon Davis and Moe Foner at their office, 709 Eighth Avenue, New York City, to discuss the Washington, D. C. project and how Foner and Davis can make a contribution.

The same source advised on February 3, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison and William Rutherford, Executive Director of the SCLC, discussed a list of contributors (to the SCLC). Levison stated he had examined this list and that there are no big donors on it. Rutherford mentioned that a suggestion had been made of having a group meeting of the larger contributors and having someone talk to them and solicit contributions. Levison suggested Andrew Young as the person to handle this matter.

Rutherford inquired if Levison would be in Washington, D. C. on Tuesday (February 6, 1968) and Levison was uncertain, noting that he was supposed to meet with "two staff guys" to bring them together with "a staff guy from 1199" (Local 1199, Drug and Hospital

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Employees Union, New York City). According to Rutherford, there would be a meeting of the march by clergymen on Monday (February 5, 1968) with the march on Tuesday (February 6, 1968).

The source learned on February 4, 1968, that Stanley Levison was again in contact with William Rutherford. Levison brought up the matter of contributors to the SCLC stating that he had been thinking about having those who had given $1,000.00 or more, about 60 people, invited to someone's house, such as Harry Belafonte's place. He said some of the people would be Govenor and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, Mary and Stephen Rockefeller, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, III. Levison noted that on February 5, 1968, he was meeting with some "staff guys" and was going to put them in contact with the hospital workers whom he and Andrew Young saw recently. He added that "they" were assigning a full-time staff person "to us."

Rutherford noted that Martin Luther King, (head of the SCLC) was to speak to the Clergymen Concerned about the Vietnam war on Tuesday morning (February 6, 1968) and that the (SCLC) Board meeting would begin at 2:00 P.M.

Moe Foner

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on November 19, 1967, that at a meeting of the Communist Party (CP) Club of Local 1199, held on November 11, 1967, a discussion was held concerning a meeting with Moe Foner, Secretary of Local 1199 concerning the formation of a peace committee in Local 1199.

"The New York Journal American," a former evening New York City newspaper, in its issue of February 5, 1947, contained an article which reflected that Moe Foner was banned from membership in the Flushing Chapter of the American Veterans Committee because he admitted he was a Communist.

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Leon Davis

"The New York Times," a New York City daily newspaper, July 18, 1966, page 19, contained an article on Leon Julius Davis whom it described as the President of Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Employees Union. The article noted, in part, "Mr. Davis is a critic of United States policy in Vietnam, and last spring he joined with some 20 other labor leaders to form the trade-union division of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

"Mr. Davis and his local, an affiliate of the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor (AFL) - Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), have often been labeled leftists. In 1948, Mr. Davis appeared before a House of Representatives labor sub-committee and refused to say under oath whether he was a Communist. Later he stated he was not."

The article also noted "In recent years he has also become increasingly involved in the civil rights movement."

On December 30, 1946, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Davis was a member of the North Shore Section of the CP, Queens County, New York

Harry Belafonte

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 28, 1958, that according to JFK Act 6 (4), Secretary at CP Headquarters, New York City, before Harry Belafonte came into prominence, he had been a member of the Young Communist League (YCL).

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Stanley Levison

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the CP, United States of America (USA), in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in this position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER
(OO: WFO)

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 2/2/68.

7 - Bureau (Enc. 15) (RM)
(1 - 100-438794) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
(1 - 100-446080) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)
(1 - 100-439190) (COMINFIL - SNCC) (1 - 100-106670)
(MARTIN LUTHER KING)
6 - Atlanta (Enc. 6) (RM)
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 100-5718) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
(1 - 100-6812) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)
(1 - 100-6488) (COMINFIL - SNCC)
(1 - 157-2924) (WSP)
(1 - 157-) (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
5 - New York (Enc. 5) (RM)
(1 - 157-) (CARLOS RUSSELL)
(1 - 157-) (A. R. SAMPSON)
(1 - 157-) (HERMAN JENKINS)
(1 - 100-) (JESSE GRAY)
8 - WFO (Enc. 7) (RM)
(1 - 100-) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 100-) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)
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(1 - 100-) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
(1 - 100-) (NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION)
5 - Chicago
(1 - 100-35356) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 105-16238) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
(1 - 100-40342) (COMINFIL - SNCC)
(1 - 157-1297) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)

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CG 157-2474

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of a LHM concerning captioned matter. Copies are being provided to the offices listed below as indicated for their files and information. Copies of the LHM are being furnished USA, Chicago, U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The first confidential source referred to in the enclosed LHM is CG 7116-R (PROB) (GHETTO). Same

The second confidential source referred to is NY 1587-S. Same

The enclosed LHM is classified confidential since unauthorized disclosure of same could result in identification of confidential sources and jeopardize the future effectiveness thereof.

Chicago will continue to follow and pertinent information will be disseminated as received.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2474

Chicago, Illinois
February 6, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the first part of February, 1968, that a conference was held on February 1, 1968, at the Americana Hotel, Seventh Street and 53rd Avenue, New York City, New York, between representatives of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). The purpose of this conference was to solicit the support of SNCC for the Washington Spring Project (WSP) which is to be held during the first part of April, 1968, in Washington, D.C., under the sponsorship of the SCLC. This conference began at 5:00 p.m. and last approximately four hours. Ten persons attended this conference and the following were recognized as present:

Carlos Russell, SCLC, New York City, New York;

A. R. Sampson, SCLC, New York, New York;

Herman Jenkins, SCLC, New York, New York;

Jesse Gray, SCLC, New York, New York;

Hosea Williams, SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia; and

Stokely Carmichael, SNCC.

In addition, George Wiley, Director of the National Welfare Rights Organization of Washington, D.C., arrived at this conference approximately one hour after it began.

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The discussion in this conference began with the subject of financing the WSP. Also discussed were the merits of having Martin Luther King make a speech during the WSP. Stokely Carmichael stated that he is in favor of the goals and aims of the WSP and that he would support this project wholeheartedly. However, he insisted that his organization, SNCC, and any other organization which would take part in this project, would keep their own identity separate from SCLC. This was agreed to by the representatives of SCLC.

During the above discussion, George Wiley entered the room in which the conference was being held, and after listening to the conversation, stated that his organization, the National Welfare of Rights Oganization, could not support and participate with SCLC in this project under the conditions stated. A considerable time was then spent in an effort to convince Wiley to support this project, however, he stated that before agreeing to give his support, it would be necessary that he discuss this matter personally with Martin Luther King, President of SCLC.

A copy of this communication is being provided to the following local agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois;

United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois; and

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Concerning Jesse Gray a second confidential source advised in January, 1964, that according to a high level official of the Communist Party in New York, Gray was no longer a Communist Party member but remained friendly to the Communist Party.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

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RACIAL MATTER

ReWFOairtel, 1/29/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Philadelphia two copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above. Information contained in LHM furnished to SA GEROULD W. PANGBURN by Inspector THOMAS I. HERLIHY on 2/5/68.

Reported Source of Another Agency

For the information of the Bureau and Philadelphia, Inspector HERLIHY further advised he has information from the Pennsylvania State Police to the effect that one JOHN HENRY MAYBANKS, JR., aka "The Count," was rumored to be a possible choice of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. as one of his representatives in regards to the Washington Spring Project. MAYBANKS reportedly is known to have been a paid informant of the police in the past.

Reported Source of Another Agency

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MAYBANKS is an associate of one BUEBEN BUTLER, date of birth 9/17/33. BUTLER reportedly is in the PH area and is affiliated with the New Society for Peace and Freedom,

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North Broad Street, Philadelphia, and the United Veterans for Freedom, also of Philadelphia.

Reported Source of Another Agency

According to HERLIHY another alleged associate of MAYBANKS is one MARY RICHARDSON, head of the Intra-City Community Cooperative, Incorporated, Philadelphia. During a train trip from Philadelphia to Washington, D. C., for the purpose of attending the JEANETTE RANKIN Brigade demonstration in January, 1968, MAYBANKS reportedly was overheard telling RICHARDSON that he could purchase .45 caliber automatics for $15.00 and submachine guns for $30.00 in Canada.

Reported Source of Another Agency

The information furnished by the Pennsylvania State Police regarding MAYBANKS is being treated only as "rumor" by that agency and will be treated in the same manner by Inspector HERLIHY. In view of this, the information is not included in enclosed LHM and is provided here for the information of the Bureau and Philadelphia.

Reported Source of Another Agency

This matter is being followed closely by WFO.

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Washington, D. C. 20535
February 5, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 5, 1968, Inspector Thomas I. Herlihy, Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, advised he had learned from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department that one James Edward Orange, also known as Big Orange and Big Leslie, had arrived in Philadelphia on January 9, 1968. He was accompanied by one unidentified Negro male and one unidentified Negro female. When he arrived he was driving a 1965 Pontiac automobile bearing Illinois License KT-3925 which, according to the Illinois State Police, is issued to Orange.

According to the information received by Inspector Herlihy, Orange was in Philadelphia on a recruiting drive for the Washington Spring Project planned by Martin Luther King, Jr.

While in Philadelphia, Orange reportedly conversed with the following individuals:

Lois Forer, Community Legal Services Attorney

Mary Richardson, reportedly the head of Intra-City Community Cooperative, Incorporated

Reverend (First Name Unknown) Bevins

Reverend James Woodruff, Episcopalian Minister, who reportedly was recently transferred to Philadelphia from Tennessee where he was accused of printing hate literature and conducting a school for Negroes with Government funds.

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Orange and his companions reportedly spent each night in the home of Dr. Robert Anderson, 6514 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Orange and his companions went to the Universal Church of Restoration, Gorgas Lane and Stenton Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 12, 1968. Inspector Herlihy advised no information was received concerning what transpired during the above meeting.

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
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1 - Mr. T. D. Rushing
(Field Guidance Folder)
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

To: SACs, New York
WFO (157-1395)

From: Director, FBI (157-8428)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

Recent information indicates Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), will be in Washington, D. C., February 6-7, 1968, to attend an SCLC board meeting and speak before a rally of the "Clergy and Laymen concerned about Vietnam." AT 1387-R has advised King will try to meet with Stokely Carmichael and perhaps H. Rap Brown in an effort to obtain their support for King's Washington Spring Project (WSP). If he cannot obtain their support, he will attempt to gain their cooperation and promise not to interfere with WSP.

Recipient offices should make every effort to have an informant or source attend these meetings to determine what transpires. This information should be transmitted to the Bureau in the most expeditious means possible and in a form suitable for dissemination.

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Recent news indicates King, Carmichael, and H. Rap Brown may meet regarding WSP. Outgoing instructs field to endeavor to obtain coverage of this vital meeting.

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UPI-15

(BLACK POWER)

ATLANTA--DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING BEGINS HIS DRIVE TO ENLIST BLACK POWER MILITANTS IN HIS "MASSIVE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE" CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEK IN A CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., WITH STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

THE MEETING IS TO BE HELD DURING OR AFTER THE ANNUAL MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF KING'S SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. ~~(53 ?9-4$,.335-8, 2-8,&59, 573$-6--,-23,3$-6.~~

AN EXACT DATE AND PLCE FOR THE KING-CARMICHAEL CONFERENCE HAS NOT BEEN SET, THE REV. BERNARD LAFAYETTE SAID YESTERDAY. HE IS FORMER FIELD SECRETARY FOR SNCC, NAMED LAST DECEMBER BY KING TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE WASHINGTON PROGRAM.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH KING TERMS "THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN," IS PLANNED TO BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL IN WASHINGTON.

KING PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON MONDAY FOR ANTI-VIETNAM WAR DEMONSTRATIONS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, and for each recipient office one copy, of LHM.

Source referred to is JFK Act 6 (4)

Information set forth in the ecnlosed LHM re KING's instructions to the SCLC staff concerning WSP expenses was furnished by informant 1/17/68 and previously reported.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JFK Act 6 (4) WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JFK Act 6 (4) MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

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1- Birmingham (Enc. 1) (RM)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 2, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

A confidential source previously advised that during the middle of January 1968 while addressing members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff who will be responsible for recruiting and training demonstrators for SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, made it very clear that SCLC did not contemplate paying expenses which might be incurred by these demonstrators.

On February 1, 1968, source advised that as of that date SCLC had made no plans which would provide living accommodations for the demonstrators who will be in Washington, D. C. As of this time, most SCLC officers felt the demonstrators in all probability could sleep in tents pitched on the grounds of various Government buildings.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
February 2, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304) (P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau 1/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and ten (10) copies of an LHM regarding the Washington Spring Project (WSP); copies are also being sent to Atlanta for informational purposes for its files on WSP, Cominfil SCLC and Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Copies are also being furnished to the USA, Cleveland, Secret Service, Cleveland, and local military intelligence agencies.

INFORMANTS

CV T-1 is CV 768-R

CV T-2 is CV 489-R

CV T-3 is CV 273-S

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3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3) (RM)
(1 - 100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
7 - Cleveland
(1 - 100-26792) (COMINFIL SCLC)
(1 - 157-293) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 170-69-SA)
(1 - 100-15792) (CORE)
(1 - 100-27800) (FRANKLIN ANDERSON)
(1 - 157-263) (POSS. RACIAL VIOLENCE)

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This LHM is classified Confidential as it contains data reported from CV T-1 through CV T-3 which could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

February 2, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
(WSP)

Re Cleveland letterhead memorandum, January 26, 1968.

All sources used in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

OHIO

CV T-1 advised on January 29, 1968, that Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN who is one of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff members assigned to the Cleveland area to handle arrangements for the WSP in April of 1968, mentioned that the WSP was going to open their office at 7902 Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, over the weekend of January 27-28, 1968. This office will be in a street level storefront at the 7902 Hough Avenue address which storefront is used by the Shepherd of the Street Church operated by Pastor JAMES F. COOK and is located in the heart of the Cleveland ghetto area, the scene of considerable rioting during Cleveland's Hough Area riots two years ago.

CV T-1 went on that he had occasion to be in the area of East 79th Street and Hough Avenue on January 29, 1968, and he looked in at the 7902 Hough Avenue address; however, this storefront was closed. The only sign on the store was for the Shepherd of the Street Church and there were no signs for the WSP. Inside the store there was no indication that the place was being

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used as there was no furniture and the only things noted were a telephone and telephone directory both being on the floor.

CV T-2 reported on January 31, 1968, that FRANKLIN ANDERSON, Chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in Cleveland was recently discussing Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING's forthcoming WSP in April of 1968, and ANDERSON pointed out that Cleveland CORE will not support or participate in the WSP.

CV T-3 reported on January 30, 1968, that it was recently learned that the Communist Party (CP) in Cleveland was showing an interest in Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING's planned demonstration in Washington, D.C. in April of 1968. It was felt that each and every member of the CP in Cleveland should do all they could to contact people in block clubs, other organizations, etc. to try to have them take an active part in this demonstration.

PHIL BART has pointed out that the CP was not going into this for the purpose of taking over or trying to run the show, but they would try to contact the organization or groups running this demonstration and offer their services as individuals of the neighborhoods where they live. In that way by working with these different sponsoring groups and letting them know that they were anxious to help, it would further the CP cause. Even if it is discovered that the person offering his services is a member of the CP, some of the people in the group sponsoring the demonstration will say "so what", as all are working for the same goal. BART felt that in these type activities or demonstrations, more and more people are willing to be identified with "us".

BART has also indicated that there was little that they could do at present as individuals until Reverend KING's group gets started on this demonstration and all they know now is what they read in the newspapers.

PHIL BART - CV T-3 advised on October 13, 1967, that PHIL BART was then employed as a functionary of the Ohio CP.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
(00:WFO)

There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven (11) copies of an LHM containing information furnished by NY 3810-S* on 1/31/68, concerning tactics to be used at the Washington Spring Project.

4-Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)
(1-100-106670) (M. L. KING)
3-Atlanta (157-) (Encls. 3) (RM)
(1-100-5586) (M. L. KING)
(1-100-5718) (Cominfil SCLC)
1-Philadelphia (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)
2-Washington Field (Encls. 2) (RM)
1-New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (41)
1-New York (100-149194) (Cominfil SCLC) (43)
1-New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (41)
1-New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES)
1-New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN)
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1-New York (100-136585) (M. L. KING) (41)
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The sources used in characterizations in this LHM are:

Same
NY 694-S* STANLEY LEVISON

CONF. Same
ALBERT BROWN, Chairman, Columbia University LYL, 1954 CLARENCE JONES

Same
NY 1190-S* Anonymous source of WFO, WFO report of SA JOHN WALSH, dated 7/19/59, at WFO Re: "NLG, IS-C" HARRY WACHTEL

Sources { NY 2359-S*, NY 4212-S, BA 975-S BAYARD RUSTIN

Same
Former NY 4092-S*

JFK Act 6 (4)

An information copy of this LHM is designated for the Philadelphia Office since it is indicated that KING will be in that area in the near future.

This LHM is classified Same "Secret" because it contains information from NY 3810-S* and former NY 4092-S* Same, sources engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "Secret" because it contains a concentration of information from NY 694-S* in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON. Same

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New York, New York

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Washington Spring Project
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on January 31, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison was in contact with William Rutherford, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Levison noted that he met recently with Harry Wachtel, Clarence Jones, Bayard Rustin, and Mike Harrington, and that Rustin "showed his true colors" by opposing civil disobedience. He said Rustin is also opposed to involving the war issue.

Levison, in referring to the civil disobedience campaign, planned by King, for Washington D.C. (WDC), in the Spring of 1968, felt that tactics must be agreed upon in the near future so that persons who have been making inquiry can be told what tactics will be used.

Rutherford told Levison that Andy Young (Executive Vice-President of the SCLC), had written out some of the tactics to be used. He said that, for example, during the first week, calls will be made on Congressman by people from 17 different areas. During the second week, calls will be made on heads of departments such as the Secretary of Labor. On the first visit, demands will be made and on the second, a sit-in will be conducted.

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With respect to a proposed civil rights newspaper, Levison feels it should follow the formula of "The Southern Courier", which, he said, can humanize the news without vulgarizing it. He emphasized that, although SCLC policy must be the policy followed by the newspaper, efforts must be made to avoid a dull, uninteresting style.

Rutherford noted that King has an SCLC Board meeting on Tuesday, and Wednesday, (February 6 and 7, 1968), a clergy march on Monday, and a private meeting with (Stokely) Carmichael and with other Black leaders in WDC, and then will go to Philadelphia "and do the same thing". Rutherford added "meet once with the ministers and once with the Black Power people to try to neutralize them".

The source advised that he gathered the impression that the above described activity by King will be in connection with organizing for the spring civil disobedience campaign in WDC.

Levison and Rutherford also discussed financial contributors to the SCLC. Levison said he had suggested to King that they get about 25 contributors together and meet with them for several days and let them ask King as many questions as they care to. Levison stated that he would check the list of contributors and check with Rutherford as to where they should hold this meeting since it should depend on the residence of most of the contributors.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP,USA), in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in this position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE OPERATION - ONGOING

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information in December, 1949, that Harry H. Wachtel, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on a list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which revealed that the name Harry Wachtel was on a list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party (CP) at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife, Leonora, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed that her name and address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County CP.

With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr. is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP,USA), held in New York City, on February 9-11, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 25, 1963, that during a meeting of the National Board, CP, USA, on that date, Benjamin J. Davis remarked that, "Rustin calls me constantly--openly."

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964,

that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 21, 1964, that as of that date, Benjamin J. Davis was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1957, that he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953, or early 1954, to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 5, 1965, that Harry Wactel and Clarence Jones were planning on attending a Research Committee meeting of the SCLC at the office of Harry Wachtel, New York City, on that date. According to the source, it was mentioned that Michael Harrington, a National Committee member of the Socialist Party would also attend.

1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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Date: 1/31/68

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

To: Director, FBI (157-8429) ATTENTION:
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

From: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2476)

Subject: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM.

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2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (157-2924) (RM)
4 - Philadelphia
1 - 157-2476
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1 - 157-2478
1 - 157-NEW (A. SAMPSON)

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JRW/JBK (7)

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted], RAO, [redacted] 15 FEB 2 1968

DATE FORW: 2/5/68

HOW FORW: [redacted]

BY: [redacted]

ACTION: UACB: [redacted]

☐ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, EDPa.
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Conf Source

PH T-1 and PH T-2 is Lieutenant GEORGE FENCL, PHPD, Civil Disobedience Unit, who requested that his identity not be disclosed outside the Bureau. He was assigned two symbol numbers and two dates to further conceal him because there has been no publicity in the press re the presence of ORANGE and TABB in Philadelphia. He also advised that he had learned from a very highly placed delicate source that ORANGE had said that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING of SCLC is intending to come to Philadelphia in late March or early April 1968 and that Dr. KING will make a concerted effort in Philadelphia itself to:

(1) Get Police Commissioner FRANK L. RIZZO ousted;

(2) Obtain real open housing for Negroes in Philadelphia;

(3) Obtain employment for the unemployable Negro in the ghetto;

(4) Renovation of the school system in Philadelphia so that it better meets the needs of the Negro in Philadelphia.

Conf Source

It should be noted that this information was received from Lt. GEORGE FENCL, 1/26/68, prior to Philadelphia receipt of the information in Atlanta teletype to Bureau 1/18/68 (Xerox cc to Philadelphia) which included the Dr. KING schedule of visits to "target" cities.

Conf. Source

Lt. FENCL also advised that his source had said that Dr. KING had some intention of coming to Philadelphia in early January during the hearing in U. S. District Court, EDPa., seeking the removal of Commissioner RIZZO because of his alleged mishandling of a Black Student Rally. KING decided not to come to Philadelphia because the Judges hearing the case were bending over backwards to give the plaintiffs a fair hearing.

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Out Source

Lt. FENCL also advised that ORANGE has had a telephone installed at his residence in Philadelphia, 6514 Lincoln Drive, VI 9-1756. The phone is in the name of the Reverend JAMES ORANGE.

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AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will forward photo and background info re ALBERT SAMPSON.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 31, 1968

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On January 26, 1968, Confidential informant PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JAMES ORANGE and WILLIE TABB and his wife had been in Philadelphia, Pa., since January 23, 1968. They are residing at 6514 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, the residence of Dr. ROBERT ANDERSON. ORANGE is driving a 1965 green Pontiac.

According to PH T-1, ORANGE on January 23-24, 1968, said he had been making "contacts" in the city regarding the Philadelphia part of the Spring 1968 project of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Washington, D. C., but he was not specific except to say he was trying to recruit people from the "ghetto" to help.

Confidential informant PH T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised January 26, 1968, an individual he heard was WILLIE TABBS' wife had spent an evening at the residence of MARY RICHARDSON, either Wednesday or Thursday, January 23-24, 1968. MARY RICHARDSON, 1308 Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, is active in the Peace Movement and in Civil Rights activity.

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FBI

Date: 1/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

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BuFile 100-438794
NYfile 100-149194
AT 100-5718

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
BuFile 157-8428
ATfile 157-2924

Re Atlanta teletypes captioned "CLERGY AND LAYMAN CONCERNED ABOUT VIETNAM, INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)" and "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM", dated 1/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies, for New York two and for WFO two, of LHM.

Source referred to is AT 1387-R. Source

On 1/25/68 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, SCLC, discussed the forthcoming SCLC Executive Board meeting with several executive officers of SCLC.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AT 1387-R WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AT 1387-R MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC. Source

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(1 - 157-8428)
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2- WFO (Enc. 2) (RM)

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(1 - 100-5718) (1 - 157-2924) (1 - 170-290A) (1 - 100-3812)
(1 - 100-5583) (1- 100-7008) (H. RAP BROWN) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 29, 1968

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On January 25, 1968, a confidential source advised Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), recently discussed with several officers of SCLC a meeting of the SCLC Executive Board to be held in Washington, D. C., on February 6 and 7, 1968. He said several matters of an administrative nature would be discussed at this board meeting which would include recent personnel changes as well as SCLC financial matters.

Reverend King mentioned that during the SCLC Executive Board meeting he plans to meet with Stokely Carmichael of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), or if this cannot be conveniently arranged he will endeavor to meet jointly with Carmichael and H. Rap Brown, National Chairman, SNCC, in New York City following conclusion of the board meeting. He commented that in order to meet with Brown he would have to go to New York City because current legal procedures restrict Brown's freedom of movement. Reverend King said he would discuss with Carmichael and/or Brown SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) and assistance (not specified) which SNCC can give to this project.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

Source advised that as of the latter part of January 1968 several SCLC officers understood that SNCC will assist SCLC with its WSP. The nature of this assistance and whether it has been volunteered by SNCC or solicited by SCLC was not known to source.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
January 29, 1968

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C
RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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FBI

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236) (P)

D. D. Wells

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination; and enclosed for Atlanta, Detroit and Mobile is one copy each of the letterhead memorandum.

Conf. Source

Confidential Informant T-1 is CS BH 284-R, who furnished the information contained in letterhead memorandum. Information furnished by written report dated 1/22/68 and received 1/26/68.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
January 26, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On January 26, 1968, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the weekly meeting of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR) was held on January 22, 1968, at St. Luke's AME Zion Church, 3937 12th Avenue North, Birmingham. Albert Turner, Field Secretary, State of Alabama, for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) made a speech to the two hundred persons who were in attendance.

Confidential Informant T-1 stated that Albert Turner made a plea for 300 Alabamians to prepare to go to Washington to take part in the Washington Spring Project this April. Turner said that Negroes must join in with Dr. King because the SCLC is at a very low ebb and in danger of a takeover by Black Power advocates. Turner made known that he came to Birmingham from Detroit where violent forces claim that last summer's burnings were small compared to what they plan to do this summer. Turner said that if these forces try to destroy Detroit, that the entire Civil Rights movement will be lost and the leaders killed or put in jail. Turner told the group that Rev. M. L. King, Jr's. program of civil disobedience does not call for lying down in the streets but merely "sitting in." However, Turner stated that participants should be ready to be jailed.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised in conclusion that Albert Turner indicated that in the near future, Rev. M. L. King, Jr., will hold a state-wide meeting in Birmingham in support of the Washington Spring Project.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
January 26, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum dated January 26, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304) (P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 1/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 10 copies of an LHM regarding the Washington Spring Project (WSP); copies are also being sent to Atlanta for informational purposes for its files on WSP; Cominfil SCLC and Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Copies are also being furnished to the USA, Cleveland, Secret Service, Cleveland, and local military intelligence agencies.

INFORMANTS

CV T-1 is AT-1387-R (Ghetto) Source

CV T-2 is CG-7116-R (Prob.) (Ghetto) Source

CV T-3 is CV-768-R Source

3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3) (RM)
(1-100-5718) (Cominfil SCLC)
(1-100-5586) MARTIN LUTHER KING)
5 - Cleveland
(1 - 100-26792) (Cominfil SCLC)
(1 - 157-293) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 157-1319) (MICHAEL BIBLER)
(1 - 157-1320) (E.R.T. OSBURN)
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REC-7 157-8428-53
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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~CIA~~, OSI; SEC. SER:
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This LHM is classified confidential as it contains data reported from CV T-1 through CV T-3 which could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

In this LHM, Cleveland incorporated information from previous Atlanta and Chicago communications in order to show how the WSP came into being, its aims and purposes, etc. for the benefit of the USA, Cleveland, Secret Service, Cleveland, and local military intelligence agencies who have not received any previous communications regarding the WSP.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

January 26, 1968 CONFIDENTIAL

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

All sources used in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CV T-1 advised on December 3, 1967 that he recently learned that during the week commencing November 27, 1967 the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held a retreat at Penn Center, Frogmore, South Carolina, which was presided over by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President of SCLC and was attended by approximately 70 individuals comprising the headquarters and field staff of SCLC.

The primary purpose of the retreat was to discuss various facets of SCLC's plan to conduct massive non-violent demonstrations in Washington, D. C. and possibly a number of other cities during the early part of 1968.

Reverend KING outlined this plan to those attending the retreat; namely, that it had been tentatively decided that in the forepart of February, 1968, he, together with other officers of SCLC and in all probability leading representatives of other Civil Rights organizations (not identified) would personally present to the Secretary of Labor specific requests for prompt Congressional action pertaining to employment, income, housing, education, and other matters which constitute major problems experienced by ghetto people. In the event these requests do not receive an immediate unequivocal commitment insuring prompt Congressional action, an immediate massive non-violent demonstration would commence in Washington, D. C. This demonstration would be conducted by SCLC and involve adults from all walks of life, including students and school children. If an effort is made by civil and/or military authorities to quell this demonstration, simultaneous demonstrations of identical magnitude would commence in 10-15 "target cities" throughout the nation.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

CV T-1 was not aware of the identity of all the "target cities" referred to by Rev. KING but he understood Cleveland was one of the cities included.

CV T-1 went on that according to Rev. KING that during the period prior to early February, 1968, one or two SCLC staff members would be assigned to Washington, D. C. and each of the "target cities." It will be the responsibility of these members to select in each community up to 200 individuals who will serve as leaders for demonstrations. This type of individual sought will be unemployed Negro males, whose general economic status is so low that they could lose nothing by participating in the proposed demonstrations. After selection of these individuals it would then be the responsibility of the SCLC staff member through mass meetings, workshops or other procedures to indoctrinate these individuals with SCLC's overall objectives and technique of non-violent demonstration. Rev. KING emphasized that the individuals so selected should be Negroes, however, he said once each demonstration is actually commenced the assistance of white persons would definitely be accepted and possibly solicited.

Reverend KING acknowledged this program of demonstrations was a very substantial undertaking for SCLC to embark upon. He said it was imperative that SCLC be successful in this undertaking because otherwise not only would it be embarrassed by a failure but failure itself would in a large sense serve as a victory for the "Black Power" groups. In this connection, he said it would be necessary to solicit the cooperation of "Black Power" leaders (not identified) in order that such organizations would permit SCLC to conduct its program without interference. He said he was extremely concerned over the probability that such interference might easily turn any demonstration into a riot. He declared that if such a situation developed in any one of the communities in which SCLC contemplates demonstrating SCLC will immediately cease all its activity in that community.

During the retreat an appreciable number of SCLC staff members expressed doubt that the cooperation

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of the "Black Power" organizations could be obtained and raised a question as to whether the selection of up to 200 individuals in various communities might not present a most difficult task. Reverend KING responded by stating he was most confident he could obtain the desired cooperation of "Black Power" leaders. He said he realized these people did not agree with his methods or the activities of SCLC but is confident they have sufficient respect for him to listen to his requests. He also said he was quite confident that people, after being apprised of SCLC's objectives, will be anxious to assist. Furthermore, he expressed optimism that once the demonstrations commence there will be sufficient sympathy on the part of the general public that SCLC will will receive adequate financial support.

CV T-1 subsequently learned that Rev. KING had informed SCLC staff members that this new activity would be called Washington Spring Project.

CV T-1 also advised on December 19, 1967 that he recently learned that various assignments had been made of SCLC members to various cities in the United States in connection with the forthcoming WSP and the two being assigned to the Cleveland area were EDDIE OSBURN and MIKE BIBLER. MICHAEL BIBLER OHIO

CV T-2 mentioned in January, 1968 that he learned that the SCLC held a conference from January 15-17, 1968 at Atlanta, Georgia, for the purpose of discussing and planning strategy regarding SCLC's WSP which it contemplated initiating in early April, 1968. In attendance were approximately 35 individuals, who were SCLC staff members. At one of the sessions it was mentioned that in all probability Congress would not accept or act on the demands presented by SCLC. If this happens, it was then planned to begin protesting this refusal by means of disrupting various agencies and facilities throughout Washington, D. C. for example one group was tentatively scheduled to tie up the Washington Greyhound Bus Station utilizing such tactics as lying down in front of buses, blocking entrances and exits, etc. It was expected that numerous arrests would be made of the participants of this project and it was pointed out that the participants must be "totally committed" to the project and be willing to risk arrest. It is even possible that some persons may be killed and the participants must be prepared to spend up to six months in jail; however, it was not desired that

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any mobilization coordinators be jailed for any lengthy period.

On January 17, 1968, CV T-1 also furnished information regarding the SCLC conference held at Atlanta, Georgia from January 15-17, 1968; source added that during the conference, Rev. KING said there was no doubt that the requests that would be presented to the various government agencies would receive a non-committal type response. Then 200 demonstrators previously recruited by SCLC in approximately 15 communities will then commence a massive non-violent demonstration in Washington, D. C.

In conjunction with the activity of the approximately 3000 demonstrators in Washington, D. C., SCLC contemplates that in each community from which these demonstrators come there will be sympathetic simultaneous demonstrations. These demonstrations will be participated in by individuals who do not go to Washington, D. C. but experience the same problems and seek the same solutions as the demonstrators in Washington. SCLC intends that the demonstrators will not be intimidated in their efforts by injunctions or other legal measures designed to serve as deterrents. The demonstrators will submit to arrest and incarceration without bail, however, the place of an incarcerated demonstrator will be assumed by another demonstrator. Rev. KING felt the WSP would produce affirmative action promptly on the part of Congress regarding jobs or income for Negroes.

CV T-1 advised on January 18, 1968 that he learned Rev. KING planned to visit the various target cities in connection with the WSP during February and March, 1968 and his schedule indicated he would be in Cleveland on February 24, 1968.

GP CV T-1 advised on January 24, 1968 that from what he has learned the Cleveland staff of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been reduced to two men; namely, Rev. E. RANDEL OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER. Rev. OSBURN has an apartment at the Wade Park Manor Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio,

which apartment is also the headquarters of the SCLC in Cleveland at present. The other members of Rev. KING's staff who had been working in the Cleveland area have been moved to other cities throughout the country.

CV T-1 had also learned that Rev. OSBURN had been out of town for some time as he had been attending an SCLC conference in Atlanta along with 150 other people but that OSBURN returned to Cleveland on January 18, 1968. OSBURN mentioned on his return that he would have to get the "ball rolling" in Cleveland on the WSP indicating that nothing had been done as of January 18, 1968 to organize this project.

CV T-3 reported on January 25, 1968 that he learned that following Rev. OSBURN's attendance at the SCLC conference in Atlanta on January 15-17, 1968, he returned to Cleveland but then made another visit to Atlanta for additional instructions regarding Cleveland's role in the WSP. On returning again to Cleveland, Rev. OSBURN indicated that his organization now planned to recruit approximately 200 distressed people in the ghetto area of Cleveland to participate in the WSP in Washington, D. C. These people who will be unemployed and have nothing to lose would not have the funds to make this trip or to stay in Washington, D. C. but SCLC will make money available to them. Rev. OSBURN went on that he planned to open a storefront office at E. 79th and Hough area, Cleveland, Ohio, on January 26, 1968, which is in the heart of the most depressed area of Cleveland and the center of the Hough area riots. In addition Rev. OSBURN plans to issue a brochure in the near future setting forth the aims, etc. of the WSP.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

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Pertinent parts of the attached will be furnished to the White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of the Department, and other appropriate agencies.

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~~1:19PM~~ URGENT 1-26-68 MRB

TO DIRECTOR (157-8428)

FROM ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTER.

REBUAIRTEL TO ATLANTA JANUARY 24 LAST; ATLANTA AIRTEL JANUARY 19 LAST, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE; AND ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU JANUARY 26 INSTANT, CAPTIONED "CLERGY AND LAYMAN CONCERNED ABOUT VIETNAM, INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)."

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January 25, 1968

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- (Field Guidance Folder)
1 - Mr. Rushing (Field
- Guidance Folder)
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

AIRTEL

To: SACs, Atlanta
Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI (157-8428)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

ReATairtel 12/22/67, LAairtel 1/12/68, and Los Angeles report of Special Agent Francis G. Kahl entitled "Black Anti-Draft Union" (BADU) dated 1/5/68.

Above-referenced ATairtel indicates that one "BABU" of Los Angeles will be given a roving assignment in the "Washington Spring Project" to recruit youths to come to Washington, D. C., and demonstrate during this "Project."

Recipient offices should be alert to the fact there is a possibility that Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, group may be in contact with "Black Anti-Draft Union" (BADU) of Los Angeles in an effort to recruit youths for this program and that "BABU" referred to above might be merely a misspelling. The Los Angeles Office should alert its informants to report any action by King's group to utilize "BADU" for this "Project."

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The Atlanta Office should recontact JFK Act 6 (4) Source regarding this possibility and furnish the results of this contact to the Bureau and Los Angeles.

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NOTE:

Los Angeles has not identified "BABU" referred to above as participating in above "Project" at Los Angeles. Outgoing instructs field to possibility "BABU" might be "BADU," an anti-war group operating in Los Angeles.

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FBI

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Atlanta, Georgia
January 22, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On January 17, 1968, a confidential source advised he had learned that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) on that date concluded a retreat which was held January 15, 1968 - January 17, 1968, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, of which Church Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, serves as co-pastor. This retreat was concerned with SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) which it contemplates initiating early in April 1968. In attendance were approximately 50 individuals, about one-half of whom were SCLC field representatives from various locations.

Reverend King pointed out he did not have any desire that SCLC should have any friction with "Black Power groups" during the course of its WSP. He said the basic issue of the WSP was jobs or income and the validity of this issue could not be argued by "Black Power groups" or anyone else. He said SCLC would simply go about its business of implementing the WSP.

Reverend King declared that in the event SCLC is not successful awakening the conscience of the nation to the urgent need for jobs or income through the WSP the nation will subsequently have to admit that SCLC made a substantial effort in this regard. In the event of such failure, Reverend King said there could be no question that the "Black Power groups" would benefit appreciably.

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 22, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

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FBI

Date: 1/22/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 1/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination; and enclosed for Atlanta and Miami is one copy each of letterhead memorandum.

On 1/22/68 CS BH 284-R advised that he received a letter from Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., inviting him to a conference 2/19-24/68 at Miami, Florida, in the Sheraton Hotel. He said that it is to be an orientation meeting regarding KING's proposed civil rights demonstrations to be held in Washington this spring. Source said that Rev. KING advised him that he would be given a round-trip ticket from Birmingham to Miami. Source advised he will attend this meeting.

On 1/22/68 CS BH 369-R advised that he had been extended an invitation by Rev. M. L. KING, JR., to attend the orientation workshop of SCLC to be held at the Sheraton Hotel Complex, Miami, Florida, on 2/19-24/68. Source stated he believes that approximately ten Negro leaders from Alabama have been chosen by KING to attend the meeting in Miami, and the major topic of discussion will be the Washington Spring Project. Source advised that he will attend the meeting.

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Enclosed letterhead memorandum has been paraphrased to protect the identity of the sources.

Confidential Informant T-1 is CS BH 284-R.

Confidential Informant T-2 is CS BH 369-R.

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Birmingham, Alabama
January 22, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On January 22, 1968, Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2 advised that several Negro leaders from the State of Alabama will attend a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) orientation workshop to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Miami, Florida, on February 19-24, 1968.

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Birmingham, Alabama
January 22, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum dated January 22, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama.

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FBI

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

D. A. Jones

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Atlanta teletypes to Bureau 1/17/68 and 1/18/68.

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Source referred to is AT 1387-R. Source

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Source

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January 19, 1968
Atlanta, Georgia

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On January 18, 1968, a confidential source advised he understood that in connection with SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) commencing in early February 1968 up until shortly before the WSP demonstrations actually begin in Washington, D. C., will endeavor to visit each of the "target cities" involved in the WSP.

Reverend King will visit these cities for the purpose of enlightening the Ghetto community therein of SCLC's objectives regarding WSP; encourage the local people to assist the WSP and appeal to "Black Power groups" to assist SCLC or if they decline to assist appeal to them not to interfere with the WSP.

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 19, 1968

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Character RACIAL MATTER

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Date: 1/19/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9097) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Jackson airtel and LHM to Director, 1/12/68.

On 1/18/68 Reverend BENFORD JAMES CAMERON, Grenada, Miss. (who requested his identity be protected), advised that he is not aware of either LEON WILBERT HALL or R. B. COTTONREADER, both SCLC employees, planning to attend the demonstration planned at Washington, D. C. He related that he personally has become discouraged with SCLC after directing numerous letters to Dr. KING concerning the rebuilding of his church and receiving no assistance from SCLC. He stated at the present time he has not decided whether or not to attend the demonstration in Washington, D. C., noting he does have commitments for various conventions in the southern states at this time.

The news media during the past week have advertised Dr. KING's remarks regarding future demonstrations in Washington, D. C., to protest Government inaction.

Local authorities have been canvassed throughout the State and could furnish no information regarding possible participants.

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Jackson following this matter closely with informants and will keep Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236)(P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

D. Marsh

Re Bureau airtel dated 1/4/68.

CONF Source

On 1/19/68, CSBH 284-R telephonically contacted the Birmingham Office to furnish the following information:

CONF Source

CSBH 284-R advised he was departing Birmingham and would be unavailable for personal contact this week end; however, he would be available for contact on 1/22/68.

This source advised briefly that he received this date a letter from Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING requesting his presence, along with nine other Birmingham ministers, at a "Minister Leadership Training Program" to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Miami, Florida, 2/19-24/68. Source advised this letter stated the training program will deal with Negro life in the ghetto, high unemployment, and the increase of police brutality. The letter also advised 16 such work shops are to be held within the next few months throughout the eastern United States.

This source stated that he is unaware of the identity of the other nine invited but feels he will have this information available by Monday, 1/22/68.

On 1/22/68, Birmingham will interview source in detail and submit results of contact with this source to the Bureau by airtel in a form suitable for dissemination.

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CV 157-1304

Source

CV 768-R who has furnished reliable info in the past, advised on 1-16-68 that he learned on 1-15-68 that the staff of Reverend KING in CV had been reduced to two men, namely Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN and MIKE BIBLER. Reverend OSBURN has an apartment at the Wade Park Manor Hotel, CV, Ohio, which apartment is also the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in CV at present. The other members of Reverend KING's staff who had been working in the CV area have been moved to other cities throughout the country.

Source

CV 768-R also learned that the presnt goal of the SCLC in CV is to obtain better and more jobs for Negroes but from reports nothing much is being done by the SCLC at this time. Reportedly the United Pastors Association (UPA) in CV which had been working with the SCLC, had broken away from the SCLC, because of finances and the poor deportment of Reverend KING's assistants in CV. From what CV 768-R has learned, nothing had been done thus far in CV to organize for the proposed Washington, D. C. confrontation to take place in the Spring of 1968. Source

Source

CV 768-R indicated on 1-18-68 that Reverend OSBURN had been out of town for some time as he had been attending an SCLC conference in Atlanta along with 150 other people but that OSBURN returned to CV on 1-18-68. OSBURN mentioned on his return that he would have to "get the ball rolling" in CV on the Washington Spring Project indicating that nothing had been done as yet to organize this project.

CV will continue to follow this matter closely and will keep the Bureau and interested agencies advised of pertinent developments.

Copies of this airtel are furnished to AT as that office is origin in the COMINFIL of SCLC and MARTIN LUTHER KING cases.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

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Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta 1/4/68 and Atlanta teletype 1/17/68 captioned as above.

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Source referred to in the enclosed LHM is AT 1387-R.

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AT 157-2924

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 19, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On January 17, 1968, a confidential source advised he had learned that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) on that date concluded a retreat which was held January 15, 1968, - January 17, 1968, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, of which Church Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, serves as co-pastor. This retreat was concerned with SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) which it contemplates initiating early in April 1968. In attendance were approximately 50 individuals, about one-half of whom were SCLC field representatives from various locations.

During this retreat Reverend King explained the WSP will actually be initiated when he and other Civil Rights leaders (not identified) present specific requests (not specified) to the Department of Labor relating to jobs or income for Negroes and other persons currently in Ghetto areas. Similar requests will be presented to other Government departments (not identified) also.

He said there is no doubt that these requests will receive a noncommittal type response which will also point to the Congress of the United States as being the obstacle which has prevented or will prevent the particular department from taking affirmative action in regard to the request presented.

Following presentation of the aforementioned requests, 200 demonstrators previously recruited by SCLC in approximately

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15 communities will then commence a massive nonviolent demonstration in Washington, D. C. Source was not able to advise what time element may exist between presentation of Reverend King's requests, arrival in Washington, D.C., of demonstrators, and commencement of the demonstration.

Reverend King pointed out that the demonstrators will also be expected to present to their respective senators and/or representatives requests for affirmative congressional action to correct problems existing in their own local communities.

In conjunction with the activity of the approximately 3,000 demonstrators in Washington, D. C., SCLC contemplates that in each community from which these demonstrators come there will be sympathetic simultaneous demonstrations. These demonstrations will be participated in by individuals who do not go to Washington but experience the same problems and seek the same solutions as the demonstrators in Washington, D. C. The local demonstrators may be purely of a voluntary nature or may have been organized by SCLC field representatives previously.

Source recalled that during a discussion regarding the WSP by several officers of SCLC a short time prior to this retreat an officer inquired of Reverend King what position SCLC would take if effort was made to "run" the demonstrators out of that city. This question was immediately answered by Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, who stated to the effect SCLC simply would not entertain the thought of being "run out". Williams declared SCLC would stay in Washington, D. C., "no matter what".

SCLC intends that the demonstrators in Washington, D.C., will not be intimidated in their efforts by injunctions or other legal measures designed to serve as deterrents.

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The demonstrators will submit to arrest and incarceration without bail; however, the place of an incarcerated demonstrator will be assumed by another demonstrator.

Reverend King in reference to demonstrators calling upon senators and representatives in Washington, D. C., commented that they would, of course, not be welcome at the offices of these officials; however, he said the demonstrators should stay in the office of the senator or representative until they receive an audience from the individual they seek. He said they should sleep in those offices if necessary.

Reverend King explained at this retreat that the WSP is expected to produce affirmative action promptly on the part of Congress regarding jobs or income. This, he said, will result from Congress acting on its own initiative in response to the demonstration in Washington, D. C., or responding to pressures exerted on it by interested groups (not defined) from various parts of the country.

Reverend King also mentioned that he was quite confident that once the WSP commences it will be viewed with great interest by many nations in the world.

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Atlanta, Georgia
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Title: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character: RACIAL MATTER

Reference: Atlanta letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU JANUARY 17 LAST AND TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY 18 INSTANT.

RETEL SET FORTH SUMMARY OF RECENT SCLC THREE DAY CONFERENCE REGARDING CAPTIONED PROJECT PURSUANT TO INFORMATION FURNISHED JANUARY 17 LAST BY Source AT 1387-R. THIS INFORMATION REFLECTED THAT PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF CAPTIONED PROJECT IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE LATTER PART OF MARCH 1968 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT SCLC WOULD VISIT THE VARIOUS "TARGET CITIES" IN ORDER TO TALK TO DEMONSTRATORS RECRUITED IN EACH LOCATION AND BOOST THEIR MORALE.

ON MORNING JANUARY 18 INSTANT Source AT 1387-R ADVISED HE HAD OCCASION TO REVIEW MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S SCHEDULE

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IN REGARD TO VISITING THE VARIOUS "TARGET CITIES" IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED PROJECT AS MENTIONED IN RETEL. INFORMANT FURNISHED KING'S SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: FEBRUARY 2, 1968 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

FEBRUARY 8, 1968 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

FEBRUARY 9 AND 10, 1968 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.

FEBRUARY 14 AND 15, 1968 - MISSISSIPPI.

FEBRUARY 15 AND 16, 1968 ALABAMA.

FEBRUARY 24, 1968 - CLEVELAND, OHIO.

MARCH 15 AND 16, 1968 - DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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MARCH 22 AND 23, 1968 - NEW YORK CITY.

MARCH 25, 1968 - BOSTON, MASS.

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NAME OF A STATE IS LISTED THIS INDICATED KING IN ALL PROBABILITY WILL ENDEAVOR TO VISIT MORE THAN ONE LOCATION IN THAT STATE. HE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS IN THIS CONNECTION AT THE PRESENT TIME. WFO WILL NOTE THAT THE FOREGOING INDICATES KING PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FEBRUARY 8, 1968 RATHER THAN FEBRUARY 2, 1968 AS INDICATED IN RETEL.

INFORMANT ADVISED THAT ON MORNING JANUARY 18 INSTANT IN VIEW OF FACT THE ABOVE SCHEDULE FOR KING RUNS THROUGH THE 30TH OF MARCH NEXT SEVERAL SCLC OFFICERS COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE EARLY APRIL 1968 BEFORE THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT ACTUALLY COMMENCES. AS SET FORTH IN RETEL IT WAS INFORMANT'S UNDERSTANDING ON JANUARY 17 LAST THIS PROJECT WOULD ACTUALLY BEGIN THE LATTER PART OF MARCH 1968.

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Information set forth in enclosed LHM was obtained from JFK Act 6 (4) on the evening of 1/17/68 following the conclusion of the SCLC retreat referred to therein. An appreciable volume of information was obtained from this informant in regard to the SCLC retreat. The information set forth in the enclosed LHM does not refer to the actual mechanics of SCLC's Washington Spring Project and accordingly copies thereof have not been designated for each of the

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"target cities" who will be concerned with this project. Copies are being furnished to Chicago, New York and WFO for information.

With reference to KING's views regarding the desirability of changing the existing Capitalistic system in the United States, informant advised KING went into no further detail then indicated in the enclosed LHM. It is felt these statements on KING's part are of particular interest. In this connection, the Bureau may wish to note that Atlanta airtel and LHM dated 11/28/66 captioned, "CIRM" refers to a meeting of the SCLC Executive Staff held 11/21-22/66 for the purpose of considering methods of raising funds for SCLC. This meeting was attended by STANLEY LEVISON. During that meeting, LEVISON suggested SCLC seriously consider the sale of SCLC memberships through the assistance of JAMES HOFFA, President, of the Teamsters Union. During his discussion of this matter, LEVISON made effort to differentiate between professional groups and the working class by explaining that it will be the working class, not the professional people, who ultimately will look to SCLC for assistance in seeking "social change" (not defined). LEVISON went on to point out that SCLC could use HOFFA's wide influence in the labor field together with its working class memberships as a practical lever when seeking "social change".

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Reverend King served as the presiding officer at the retreat, the essential purpose of which was twofold. First, to afford SCLC staff members opportunity to fully understand the objective of the SCLC Washington Spring Project, discuss anticipated problems and seek solutions therefo. Secondly, to permit Reverend King to infuse SCLC staff members with enthusiasm to participate in the project in order that it will be a success.

An appreciable amount of time at the retreat was devoted to group discussions by the SCLC field representatives

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who will recruit demonstrators to participate in the Washington Spring Project. James Bevel, former Director of Direct Action, SCLC, and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, actively participated in these discussions. Both Bevel and Williams have had considerable experience in the area of Civil Rights demonstrations.

Reverend King lectured several times during this retreat concerning the overall purpose of SCLC's Washington Spring Project. He pointed out this project would be predicated on the issue of jobs or income for Ghetto Negroes and impoverished people of all races in the United States. However, he emphasized this would not solve all the problems experienced by the Negro, particularly those regarding inequality and therefore the Civil Rights Movement as a whole will have many things to achieve as years go by.

Acquiring jobs or income for Negroes alone, Dr. King declared, will be a noteworthy achievement on the part of the Washington Spring Project, however, he stressed that the jobs or the income obtained would represent a mere fraction of that which America owes the Negro throughout history. He said America owes an incalculable sum to the Negro who throughout his long years of involuntary servitude labored to build this country.

Dr. King stated that the many problems of the Negro and other poor people will not be solved under a Capitalistic system. Capitalism, he said, has no remedy for the poor. The ultimate aim of all aggrieved people in the United States can only be to accomplish a change in the existing Capitalistic economy and Government. He suggested this change might be to "some form of Socialistic Government". Reverend King did not discuss in any detail how or when the change he referred to might be accomplished.

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On January 17, 1968, during his closing comments at this retreat Reverend King emphasized to the SCLC staff that the forthcoming Washington Spring Project will be one of the most difficult tasks which it to date has undertaken and accordingly challenged the staff to maintain itself both willing and able in order that the project will be successful.

Reverend King referred to how Jesus found it necessary to send His disciples on various missions. He told the members of the SCLC staff that they were "his disciples".

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JAMES BEVEL

BEVEL, in early March, 1966 was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side W.E.B. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCC). Discussion took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that every thinking American should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: January 18, 1968

FROM : G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning the conference held by Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in Atlanta, Georgia, from January 15 through 17, 1968, to discuss plans for massive civil disobedience in Washington, D.C., commencing in late March, 1968.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Source

AT 1387-R (ghetto) advised that King held a conference of approximately 50 people from January 15 through 17, 1968, at his church in Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss plans for the massive civil disobedience in Washington, D. C., in late March, 1968. This project is called the "Washington Spring Project." King has dispatched representatives to 15 "target cities" throughout the United States to recruit 3,000 Negroes to demonstrate in Washington, D. C. King still plans on making his initial demands for jobs and income to the Department of Labor. He also feels these demands will not be met and demonstrations will follow. The demonstrators will not abide by injunctions or other legal deterrents. They will sleep in Government office buildings and submit to arrest and jail. King envisions that these demonstrations will tie up all business in Washington, D. C., in a matter of a few days and trigger simultaneous demonstrations in other "target cities." He also feels that the peace issue will become involved and support will be offered from that area. He expects Congress will be pressured into passing favorable legislation because of these demonstrations.

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Memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

King plans to visit Washington, D. C., on February 8, 1968, and take part in the actual demonstrations. Even though King indicated at the conference the massive demonstrations would commence the last week of March, 1968, AT 1387-R (ghetto) advised that King has speaking engagements during that week and it is the source's opinion the massive demonstrations will not start until the first week of April, 1968.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; the Honorable W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor; the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson. Also that copies be forwarded to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force, as well as Secret Service.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 18, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by a confidential source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held a conference with approximately 50 people in Atlanta, Georgia, from January 15 through 17, 1968, to discuss plans for the massive civil disobedience in Washington, D. C., which he calls the "Washington Spring Project." This project will commence in late March, 1968. King's representatives will attempt to recruit 3,000 Negro people from the ghetto areas in 15 "target cities" throughout the United States to go to Washington, D. C., this spring and demonstrate. The recruiters are currently en route to their assigned cities or will arrive there in the next four or five days.

The conference did not resolve when those individuals recruited to demonstrate would arrive in Washington, D.C. King still plans on presenting his initial demands to the Department of Labor. He also expects to make demands, not resolved, on other Government departments.

King feels that his demands will not be met by any Government agency and his massive civil disobedience will then commence. The demonstrators will be instructed not to abide by injunctions or other legal deterrents. They will sleep in Government office buildings and submit to arrest and jail. Other demonstrators will take the place of those jailed.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

King envisions that these demonstrations will tie up all business in Washington, D. C., in a matter of a few days. King hopes the news of these demonstrations traveling throughout the Nation will touch off simultaneous demonstrations in the other "target cities." Initially the demonstrators will press for jobs and income; however, King feels the peace issue will naturally become involved and much support will be afforded the demonstrators in Washington, D. C., by various peace groups. Because of the demonstrations, King feels Congress will be forced to pass legislation favorable to Negroes.

King plans to visit each "target city" and talk to demonstrators recruited about the project and boost morale. In that regard, King plans to visit Washington, D. C., on February 8, 1968. He also informed the conference he would be in Washington, D. C., for the actual demonstrations.

The type of civil disobedience that the demonstrators would use was not discussed during this conference. Even though King indicated that these demonstrations would commence the last week in March, the source advised that King has speaking engagements in several cities in Virginia at that time. The source feels that the mass demonstrations will not start until the first week in April.

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Date: 1/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (P) (157-2476)

Subject: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

ATTENTION:
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
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☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Re Philadelphia airtel 1/12/68, Atlanta airtel 1/11/68, and Philadelphia airtel 1/5/68 entitled, "COMINFIL - SCLC."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM. Information copies furnished MI, NISO, OSI, Secret Service, and USA, EDPA.

1- Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
2- Atlanta (157-2924) (Enc. 2) (RM)
4- Philadelphia
1- 157-2476
1- 157-2477 (JAMES ORANGE)
1- 157-2478 (WILLIE TABB)
1- 100-47194 (SCLC)

JRW/hn (7)

25 JAN 20 1968
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ACTION: UACB:
☐ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, EDPA.
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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RACIAL INT. SECT. Inter-Div.
AGENCY: ACSI, EPE, OSI, SEC. SERV.
DEPT: ISD, CRD, RAO
HOW FORW: 8/5
DATE FORW: 1/24/68
BY DM

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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PH 157-2476

Two copies of LHM furnished Atlanta Division.

Confidential source PH T-1 is Lieutenant GEORGE FENCL, Philadelphia Police Department, Civil Disobedience Unit, who requested his identity not be disclosed outside of the FBI because of the delicate source of his information. He furnished the information on 1/16/68; however, the date is changed in the LHM to further protect Lieutenant FENCL's identity.

The Philadelphia Police Department Intelligence Unit and Civil Disobedience Unit were furnished photographs and background information regarding JAMES ORANGE and WILLIE TABB during the first week of January at their request as set out in Philadelphia airtel 1/5/68 referenced above. The identification of ORANGE was made by the Philadelphia Police Department on 1/12/68 on the basis of these photographs and background furnished by the Philadelphia Office.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

January 18, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On January 16, 1968, Lieutenant GEORGE FENCL, Philadelphia Police Department, Civil Disobedience Unit, advised that on January 11, 1968, JAMES ORANGE, who was associated in some way with Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was identified in Philadelphia and surveilled throughout the day. It was determined by the surveillance that ORANGE was staying at 6540 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, which was the residence of Dr. ROBERT ANDERSON, not further identified by the Philadelphia Police Department at this time.

During the evening hours, ORANGE went to the Universal Church of Restoration at Gorgas Lane and Stenton Avenue in Philadelphia. ORANGE and another individual went into the rear of the church. A list of license plates of other individuals' automobiles who entered the church that evening was obtained by the Philadelphia Police Department. The registered owners of these automobiles are being checked by the Philadelphia Police Department.

About 11:30 p.m., ORANGE left the church with an unidentified Negro male in a 1959 or 1960 Chevrolet, Tennessee license JJ8626. This license was subsequently determined to be that registered to JAMES E. WOODRUFF, 3211 Batavia Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. The Reverend JAMES E. WOODRUFF is presently employed by the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania in the Race Relations Section of the diocese. The Reverend WOODRUFF is also the individual who was involved in the summer of 1966 with the Liberation School in Nashville, Tenn., in which the Chief of Police of Nashville, Tenn., alleged that the Liberation School, which was funded in part by the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity, was teaching "hate whitey" classes.

ORANGE was observed driving a 1965 Pontiac sedan, Illinois license KT3925, which later investigation determined was registered to JAMES E. ORANGE, 1257 South Keeler Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

When ORANGE returned to the residence at 6514 Lincoln Drive around midnight, January 12, 1968, the surveillance was dropped.

On January 12, 1968, ORANGE was spot surveilled by the Philadelphia Police Department, however as of mid afternoon Saturday ORANGE could no longer be located.

On January 17, 1968, confidential informant PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had received unverified information that an individual identified only as ORANGE had been at a meeting sometime around the middle or latter part of December at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 52nd and Pine Streets in Philadelphia during the evening, meeting with civil rights leaders in Philadelphia. It was PH T-1's understanding that ORANGE represented Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and the SCLC in regard to KING's coming project scheduled for the spring of 1968 in Washington, D.C. and other cities. The gist of the meeting was to the effect that if Philadelphia civil rights leaders were to support Dr. KING's presence of SCLC in Philadelphia sometime in early 1968, that any money collected through SCLC efforts in Philadelphia would be used in Philadelphia rather than being taken out of the city for the National Headquarters of SCLC as had been done on a number of former appearances of Dr. KING in Philadelphia.

PH T-1 had no information as to whether or not this was accepted by ORANGE, SCLC, or Dr. KING.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

January 3, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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In the late Fall of 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held a retreat in Frogmore, South Carolina, to plan massive civil disobedience in Washington, D. C., and other major cities throughout the United States during the Spring of 1968. King has named this planned activity the "Washington Spring Project."

King plans to organize demonstrations in the cities and areas set forth below. In each of these locations, personnel will be assigned to recruit and train individuals to serve as leaders in the forthcoming demonstrations. After each location, where available, there is also set forth parenthetically the number of personnel which King will assign in that area:

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Cities	
Baltimore, Maryland	(2)
Boston, Massachusetts	(3)
Chicago, Illinois	(3)
Cincinnati, Ohio	(1)
Cleveland, Akron, and Toledo, Ohio	(2)
Detroit, Michigan	(2)
Louisville, Kentucky	(unknown)

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DMW:bff (18)

XEROX COPY TO MRS. MILDRED STEGALL AT THE WHITE HOUSE; ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT; SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MC NAMARA; AG, DEPTY AG, AAG's POLLAK, VINSON & YEAGLEY; ARMY, NAVY, & AIR FORCE

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Los Angeles, California	(unknown)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	(unknown)
New York, New York	(3)
Newark, New Jersey	(2)
Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia	(4)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	(2)
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	(unknown)
Washington, D. C.	(4)

Rural Areas

Alabama	(3)
Georgia	(4)
Mississippi	(5)
North Carolina	(2)
South Carolina	(1)

College Campuses and Youth Organizations

(not identified)	(2)

NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, same caption, dated 1/2/68, prepared by DMW:bff. Classified "Secret" since it contains information from informant whose disclosure could affect our national defense.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : G. C. Moore

DATE: January 2, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication revealing current plans for massive demonstrations to be conducted by Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and staged in Washington, D. C., and other major United States cities in the Spring of 1968.

BACKGROUND:

In the late Fall of 1967, King held a retreat in Frogmore, South Carolina, to plan massive civil disobedience in Washington, D. C., and 10 to 15 unnamed major cities throughout the United States during the Spring of 1968. JFK Act 6 (4) attended this retreat.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Recently JFK Act 6 (4) advised that King held a staff conference and announced he has named this new planned activity the "Washington Spring Project." King plans to organize demonstrations in the cities and areas set forth in the attached communication. The number after each area designates how many personnel will be assigned there to recruit and train individuals for this program.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

OBSERVATIONS:

Since King has designated the cities throughout the United States as targets for his demonstrations, we are instructing the field by separate communication to alert appropriate authorities. The field has previously been instructed to intensify their investigation in this regard so that we will be able to fulfill our racial intelligence responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached be forwarded by routing slips to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Defense McNamara; Army; Navy; Air Force; the Attorney General; Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Vinson, and Yeagley.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

January 3, 1968

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Cities

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Boston, Massachusetts	(3)
Chicago, Illinois	(3)
Cincinnati, Ohio	(1)
Cleveland, Akron, and Toledo, Ohio	(2)
Detroit, Michigan	(2)
Louisville, Kentucky	(unknown)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Los Angeles, California	(unknown)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	(unknown)
New York, New York	(3)
Newark, New Jersey	(2)
Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia	(4)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	(2)
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	(unknown)
Washington, D. C.	(4)

Rural Areas

Alabama	(3)
Georgia	(4)
Mississippi	(5)
North Carolina	(2)
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College Campuses and Youth Organizations

(not identified)	(2)

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ITEM 6

Returned

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. [illegible]
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Mr. Casper
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Mr. Felt
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

FBI

Date: 3-12-68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-532) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER
OO: Atlanta
Re Bureau airtel 2-29-68.

Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies and for Atlanta one copy of an LHM of this date re captioned matter.

With respect to captioned matter, close contact has been maintained by this office with racial sources in Louisville, Ky. and these sources, to date, have advised that they have received no indication that activity re the captioned matter has commenced, other than the one meeting on 3-1-68, referred to in the enclosed. It is felt that if organized recruiting activity with respect to the captioned Project had commenced in Louisville, such information would be known to the racial sources available to this office. However, in view of the statement reported in the enclosed, by MARTIN LUTHER KING's brother, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, that plans called for 200 people from Ky. to participate in captioned Project, close contact is being maintained with racial sources to insure that any positive action taken with respect to recruiting such individuals in Ky. will be immediately known to this office.

LEADS:

11 ③ - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - Louisville
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157-8428-365

04 MAR 26 1968

AGENCY: ACSI, ~~[illegible]~~, OSI; SEC. ~~SER.~~
~~[illegible]~~, ~~[illegible]~~, CTD, RAO [illegible]
DATE FORW: 3/19/68
HOW FORW: RLS
BY: [illegible]

C. C. - Bishop

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

LS 157-532

LOUISVILLE

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Maintain close contact with appropriate racial sources for all developments re captioned matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Louisville, Kentucky
March 12, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capitol the first week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

Racial sources of the Louisville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have advised that they have received no information that recruiting activity in Louisville, Kentucky, with respect to the captioned Project has commenced, with the exception that one meeting regarding the matter was held in Louisville at the Antioch Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky on March 1, 1968. With respect to the meeting, the Courier-Journal, a daily Louisville, Kentucky newspaper, in its issue of March 2, 1968, reported that about 70 persons were present and heard Benjamin Van Clark report that Dr. Martin Luther King was currently meeting with his top Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) advisors to determine strategy for the campaign. Van Clark said that they were going to ask each community to form a support committee, made up of a cross-section of the community, which committee would raise money for the Spring Project and prepare local demonstrations in support of both poor Negroes and poor whites.

The article also stated that Rev. A.D. Williams King, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, 2200 West Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, brother of Dr. Martin Luther King, had said at the meeting that the present plans called for 200 Kentuckians to go to Washington to participate in the Spring Project.

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ENCLOSURE

157-84-28-365

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reporting Office: Louisville, Kentucky

Names of individuals recruiting in your district: No information developed to date.

Address of Headquarters: None as yet.

Known number of individuals recruited to date: No pertinent information developed.

Known names of individuals recruited: None.

Estimated number of individuals recruited: No pertinent information developed to date.

Number of buses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity: No pertinent information developed to date.

Number of private cars to participate: No pertinent information developed as yet.

Identity of driver; make, model, and license numbers of cars to participate: No pertinent information developed to date.

Route cars are scheduled to use: No pertinent data developed as yet.

Areas buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D.C.: No pertinent data as yet developed.

Address demonstrators are to report to upon arrival: No pertinent data as yet developed.

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FBI

Date: 3-12-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-532) (P)

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MAR 20 1968

AGENCY: ACSI, ~~CIA~~, OSI; SEC. ~~SER.~~
~~DIA~~, ISD, CPD, RAO

DATE FORW: 3/19/68
HOW FORW: _____
BY: _____

C. C. - Bishop

MAR 25 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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LS 157-532

LOUISVILLE

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FBI

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5541)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 3/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Atlanta are six copies of an LHM reflecting an interview of GOLDEN ASRO FRINKS, Field Secretary, SCLC. The interview was conducted by SA MARK K. GASS, JR. on the pretext of ascertaining the whereabouts of a CRA, 1964 victim with whom he is acquainted. Shortly thereafter FRINKS began speaking freely about his activities with SCLC and N. C. gubernatorial candidate REGINALD A. HAWKINS. FRINKS was very cooperative during the interview and invited the interviewing agent to return at any time. This information was obtained as a result of a pretext interview and care should be used in its dissemination.

3 - Bureau (157-8428)(Encs. 8)(RM)
6 - Atlanta (2 - 157-2924)(Encs. 6)(RM)
(1 - 100-5718)(SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586)(KING)
(1 - 100-)(CARMICHAEL)
(1 - 100-)(SNCC)
5 - Charlotte (2 - 157-5541)(WSP)
(1 - 157-5267)(FRINKS)
(1 - 157-2149)(HAWKINS)
(1 - 100-10073)(SCLC)

ENCLOSURE

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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~OSI~~, OSI; SEC. SER:
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Charlotte, North Carolina
March 12, 1968

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5541)

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FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-15476) P

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM

Re MI airtel to Director, 2/24/68.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~151~~-8428)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-15476) P

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D. Michaels

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1980)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5541)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 2/29/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

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From: Director, FBI (157-8428)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

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DATE: 2/26/68

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FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing the results of a conference held at Miami, Florida, by Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), to train Negro ministers in urban leadership.

BACKGROUND:

Recently the Ford Foundation publicly announced they were providing the SCLC with a grant of $230,000 to train Negro ministers in an effort to develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of the Nation's major cities.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

King held the first of a series of two workshops at Miami, Florida, from February 19-23, 1968. Approximately 150 Negro ministers throughout the United States attended this conference. A large amount of time was spent at the conference discussing ways of putting economic pressure on the white community to create more jobs for Negroes.

The delegates held different opinions as to the methods to be used in solving the problems of the civil rights movement. The majority favored the nonviolent approach. One of those advocating a more militant approach was Reverend James Bevel, an aide to King. Reverend Bevel stated he believed

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in burning down the cities if something significant would be accomplished, but he did not believe in burning just for the sake of burning.

Concerning religion, Reverend Bevel advised he did not believe in the virgin birth of Christ. He advised he was firmly convinced that "Mary" was raped by a Roman soldier.

Another militant minister in attendance was Reverend James E. Woodruff of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Another source advised that there was a marked tendency on the part of SCLC to move away from integration and move toward economic and political black power.

During the conference some members of SCLC attempted to gain support for King's massive civil disobedience campaign scheduled in early April, 1968, in Washington, D. C. Most ministers attending gave their reluctant approval to this program.

The majority of the delegates in attendance were opposed to the militant approach to solving the problems of the civil rights movement as advocated by Stokely Carmichael, former Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 27, 1968

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Bishop

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/26/68

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing the results of a conference held at Miami, Florida, by Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), to train Negro ministers in urban leadership.

BACKGROUND:

Recently the Ford Foundation publicly announced they were providing the SCLC with a grant of $230,000 to train Negro ministers in an effort to develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of the Nation's major cities.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

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RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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New York, New York
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 23, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to communication from this Bureau on February 21, 1968.

Inspector OWEN W. DAVIS, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., presently on assignment in Miami, Florida, reported on February 22, 1968, that the Ministers Leadership Training Program continues along guidelines previously set out with little or no discussion relating to the Washington Spring Project.

On February 21, 1968, the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received an anonymous telephone call from a male who inquired if the Federal Bureau of Investigation was aware that MARTIN LUTHER KING was in Miami, Florida. The caller stated he intended to kill KING and would like to bomb KING's room at the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel, Miami, Florida, but feared injuring other people.

Sergeant JOHN WEAVER, Miami, Florida, Police Department, on duty at the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel, reported on the evening of February 21, 1968, that the switchboard operator in the hotel received a similar anonymous call shortly before 8:00 PM on February 21, 1968. The caller made reference to a German lugar that he wanted to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING with and/or blow up the hotel.

On February 21, 1968, BOB ASHAUER, Chief Security Officer, Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel, tentatively identified hotel guest HAROLD CHARLES MALCHMAN from Hyannis, Massachusetts, as possibly being responsible for the anonymous call, however, on February 23, 1968, ASHAUER advised that MALCHMAN had been eliminated as being responsible for the anonymous calls threatening MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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On February 22, 1968, Lieutenant HARVERT SWILLEY, Intelligence Unit, Miami, Florida, Police Department, advised that he attended a meeting at the DuPont Plaza Hotel, Miami, Florida, on February 22, 1968. At this meeting, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., addressed a group of local citizens. KING stated that they are planning to take three to four thousand poor people from various sections of the United States to Washington, D. C., and will stay in Washington until something is done for these people. In this regard, KING stated that his organization, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has the support of some white groups, which he declined to identify.

Inspector OWEN W. DAVIS and Detective SILAS VAUGHN, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., advised on February 23, 1968, that they have attended the majority of the general meetings excluding the individual workshop type meetings, which are confined to the convention delegates.

They advised the general theme of the convention was along the guidelines of instructing the delegates in ways and means of reaching the people in the ghettos in their particular communities.

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They further advised that it was their impression that possibly two thousand people from fifteen of the country's major cities would participate in the Washington Spring Project and every effort would be made to confine the project to a non-violent theme.

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They stated it was their observation that the general feeling of the delegates in attendance at the convention was opposed to STOKELY CARMICHAEL and the militancy that CARMICHAEL advocates.

They advised that the convention is being concluded February 23, 1968, with the last general meeting being held in which MARTIN LUTHER KING will be the key speaker.

They advised that the majority of the delegates will be returning to their respective communities February 23, 1968, and February 24, 1968.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to the United States Secret Service, Miami; United States Attorney, Miami; 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia; and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Miami, Florida
February 23, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to communication from this Bureau on February 21, 1968.

Inspector OWEN W. DAVIS, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., presently on assignment in Miami, Florida, reported on February 22, 1968, that the Ministers Leadership Training Program continues along guidelines previously set out with little or no discussion relating to the Washington Spring Project.

On February 21, 1968, the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received an anonymous telephone call from a male who inquired if the Federal Bureau of Investigation was aware that MARTIN LUTHER KING was in Miami, Florida. The caller stated he intended to kill KING and would like to bomb KING's room at the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel, Miami, Florida, but feared injuring other people.

Sergeant JOHN WEAVER, Miami, Florida, Police Department, on duty at the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel, reported on the evening of February 21, 1968, that the switchboard operator in the hotel received a similar anonymous call shortly before 8:00 PM on February 21, 1968. The caller made reference to a German lugar that he wanted to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING with and/or blow up the hotel.

On February 21, 1968, BOB ASHAUER, Chief Security Officer, Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel, tentatively identified hotel guest HAROLD CHARLES MALCHMAN from Hyannis, Massachusetts, as possibly being responsible for the anonymous call, however, on February 23, 1968, ASHAUER advised that MALCHMAN had been eliminated as being responsible for the anonymous calls threatening MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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On February 22, 1968, Lieutenant HARVERT SWILLEY, Intelligence Unit, Miami, Florida, Police Department, advised that he attended a meeting at the DuPont Plaza Hotel, Miami, Florida, on February 22, 1968. At this meeting, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., addressed a group of local citizens. KING stated that they are planning to take three to four thousand poor people from various sections of the United States to Washington, D. C., and will stay in Washington until something is done for these people. In this regard, KING stated that his organization, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has the support of some white groups, which he declined to identify.

Inspector OWEN W. DAVIS and Detective SILAS VAUGHN, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., advised on February 23, 1968, that they have attended the majority of the general meetings excluding the individual workshop type meetings, which are confined to the convention delegates.

They advised the general theme of the convention was along the guidelines of instructing the delegates in ways and means of reaching the people in the ghettos in their particular communities.

They advised the delegates were of variant opinions as to the methods to be used in the civil rights movement in that some were favoring the strictly non-violent approach as opposed to a few who were desirous of a more militant approach.

They advised it appeared to them that some members of SCLC in attendance were attempting to gain support for the Washington Spring Project. They stated that some of the Washington, D. C., ministers in attendance at the convention gave their reluctant approval to the Washington Spring Project, providing that the project would be approached in a non-violent manner.

They further advised that it was their impression that possibly two thousand people from fifteen of the country's major cities would participate in the Washington Spring Project and every effort would be made to confine the project to a non-violent theme.

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They stated it was their observation that the general feeling of the delegates in attendance at the convention was opposed to STOKELY CARMICHAEL and the militancy that CARMICHAEL advocates.

They advised that the convention is being concluded February 23, 1968, with the last general meeting being held in which MARTIN LUTHER KING will be the key speaker.

They advised that the majority of the delegates will be returning to their respective communities February 23, 1968, and February 24, 1968.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to the United States Secret Service, Miami; United States Attorney, Miami; 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia; and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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this person as a layman with a Ph. D degree; one who made many statements endeavoring to justify the appearance of the "hippie individuals" by stating, Jesus wore a beard and long hair.

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Los Angeles Times 2/20/68

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Present or not, they fully appreciate Carmichael's tactics. He is explicitly following Lenin's famed 1920 injunction to the British Communist Party not to attack the Labor Party but to "support" the democratic Socialists "in the same way as the rope supports a hanged man."

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Present or not, they fully appreciate Carmichael's tactics. He is explicitly following Lenin's famed 1920 injunction to the British Communist Party not to attack the Labor Party but to "support" the democratic Socialists "in the same way as the rope supports a hanged man."

It is in precisely this way that Stokely Carmichael may be able to "support" King six weeks hence. The most charismatic and one of the ablest Negro leaders, Carmichael may achieve a dangerous eminence now that he has laid aside puerile rabble-rousing and adopted the political techniques of the greatest revolutionary of the century.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

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After KING's speech, the meeting adjourned without incident.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

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3. SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR KING'S APRIL CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

February 14, 1968

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Washington Spring Project
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 2/13/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: [illegible] Congressional Record

Pages H1038-H1040. Congressman Herlong, (D) Florida, spoke concerning the demonstration planned by Martin Luther King to be held in Washington this summer. He stated "As is his usual policy, the Reverend King piously pontificates that this is going to be a nonviolent demonstration; he also states that there will be civil disobedience. As is usually the case wherever one of these so-called nonviolent demonstrations is organized, it will result in violence. When this happens, King will sanctimoniously retreat to his ivory tower, after having ignited the fires that cause violence, and say he could not help it; it got out of hand. - - - - Civil disobedience should be, and I submit is, in the same category as criminal disobedience. - - - - We have been warned before and suffered the consequences because we failed to heed those warnings. Is history going to repeat itself in Washington this summer?" Congressman Haley, (D) Florida, joined in the remarks and stated "It is about time that we in this Nation, and especially here in the Nation's Capital, back up our law enforcement officers when we call upon them to protect people who walk the streets of our cities." Congressman Abernethy, (D) Mississippi, agreed with the remarks of Herlong and Haley and added "I would like to say that in my opinion the metropolitan police of the District of Columbia will do a good job, more particularly, if they have the support of the President of the United States, and the Department of Justice, and of the Congress."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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EX-108

February 12, 1968

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I want to assure you, however, that we in the FBI will continue to discharge our duties with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch in every area where we have an investigative responsibility.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

DATE: 2/8/68

FROM : P. D. Putnam

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
SECURITY MATTER - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Memorandum

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DATE: 2-26-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) AND SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164)

MARTIN LUTHER KING; SM-C, OO: ATLANTA

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies, Atlanta two copies and WFO one copy for information of LHM concerning captioned activity.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Miami, Florida
February 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2354

Re: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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EX 101

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TO MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: February 2, 1968

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FROM MR. G. C. MOORE GCM

SUBJECT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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ReBuairtel 1/31/68.

Sources of the Philadelphia Office have been alerted to instant project. Police sources were also alerted concerning this project.

During the past week the only positive information received by this office was a piece appearing in Newsletter #9 of the Quaker Action Group. This is the group that has been endeavoring to send medical supplies to Haiphong on the Phoenix.

The part of the article which outlines the group's plans for the coming year includes support of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The pertinent portion of the article is set out below:

"In addition to projects against the war in Southeast Asia, in the coming year we shall affirm our right to travel to Cuba. We are concerned to start

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"direct action for nonviolent change in South America. We are organizing projects against napalm, and hope to contribute to the resistance to conscription. We intend to support the community building efforts of Martin Luther King and other nonviolent civil rights groups. We want to develop our affirmation of world community at the United Nations in December into an international effort for world citizenship which transcends national loyalties."

The Philadelphia Office will continue to stress to all its sources the importance of being alert to the instant matter.

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During the past week the only positive information received by this office was a piece appearing in Newsletter #9 of the Quaker Action Group. This is the group that has been endeavoring to send medical supplies to Haiphong on the Phoenix.

The part of the article which outlines the group's plans for the coming year includes support of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The pertinent portion of the article is set out below:

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LOS ANGELES

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428) DATE: 1/31/68

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5541) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte airtels to Bureau 1/12/68 and 1/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for each recipient office, one copy, of LHM. Since this information was obtained as a result of a pretext interview, care should be used in its dissemination.

The interview was conducted by SA's MARK K. GASS, JR. and CHARLES A. MC DOUGAL. Also present during the interview was NORMAN L. BRINKLEY, 206 N. Moseler St., Edenton, N. C., who identified himself as the president of the NAACP chapter in Edenton, N. C. Both of these individuals were cordial to the interviewing Agents and neither was reluctant to speak concerning activities of the civil rights movement. FRINKS was interviewed on the pretext of ascertaining the progress made in the area of civil rights in North Carolina.

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Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
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On January 22, 1968, GOLDEN ASRO FRINKS, Field Secretary, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was interviewed at his residence at Edenton, North Carolina, by representatives of the FBI. FRINKS related that he is ranked seventh or eighth in the SCLC chain of command, and he recently attended conferences in Atlanta, Georgia, concerning forthcoming activities of SCLC. He said at the present time, he is on loan from SCLC to the North Carolina gubernatorial candidate, Doctor REGINALD A. HAWKINS, from Charlotte, North Carolina. He said in this regard, he will travel in North Carolina, to the towns of Pantego, Wilmington, Fayetteville and Durham attempting to form a coalition between the Negroes and the poor whites. FRINKS was not optimistic that HAWKINS would be elected, but he stated if he were elected, it would be a great stride forward for civil rights and tend to retard outbursts of violence and riots.

FRINKS stated while in Atlanta recently, he met with Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING and other civil rights workers from SCLC, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He said the purpose of this conference was to plan demonstrations and a strategy for Washington, D. C., this spring or summer. He said SCLC hopes to have immediate passage of certain civil rights legislation, but if this is unsuccessful, Doctor KING will call for this demonstration. He said another purpose of the conference was to try to eliminate the communist element from infiltrating their plans for a peaceful, non-violent demonstration in Washington, D. C., as well as to eliminate those civil rights groups that advocate violence and riots. In conversation regarding

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the possibility that the demonstration in Washington, D. C., might meet with resistance from the local Government, FRINKS made no mention of other target cities." He said if they are resisted in Washington, D. C., there will be sit-ins and other forms of civil disobedience short of violence. As to his role in this master plan, FRINKS said it is his responsibility to train 200 persons throughout this state to go to Washington, D. C., with him and demonstrate at preselected locations. As an example, he used the Department of Interior as the object of such a sit-in or demonstration by his group. He said this group of 200 from North Carolina, would not be from any one area of the state, but from every locality. He said he would not want this group to meet unless he called a meeting. FRINKS felt that if they all came from one area of North Carolina, chances would be enhanced that once trained, they might choose a violent course of action rather than the non-violent course he intends to pursue. Regarding violence, FRINKS admitted that once the SCLC-sponsored demonstrations in Washington, D. C., commenced, little could be done by SCLC to prevent other groups from arriving in Washington, D. C., who may be responsible for violence or riots. FRINKS stated he had just returned from Durham, North Carolina, where he had been working on the Washington, D. C., project. He stated he plans to return there about January 27 or 28, 1968, presumably both for responsibilities he has to SCLC and REGINALD HAWKINS.

FRINKS stated BEN MACK is a SCLC worker in Southern Christian Leadership Conference the area of voter registration in a small community near Charleston, South Carolina. No mention was made by FRINKS that MACK had any responsibility in the Washington, D. C., project.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428) DATE: 1/31/68

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5541) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte airtels to Bureau 1/12/68 and 1/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for each recipient office, one copy, of LHM. Since this information was obtained as a result of a pretext interview, care should be used in its dissemination.

The interview was conducted by SA's MARK K. GASS, JR. and CHARLES A. MC DOUGAL. Also present during the interview was NORMAN L. BRINKLEY, 206 N. Moseler St., Edenton, N. C., who identified himself as the president of the NAACP chapter in Edenton, N. C. Both of these individuals were cordial to the interviewing Agents and neither was reluctant to speak concerning activities of the civil rights movement. FRINKS was interviewed on the pretext of ascertaining the progress made in the area of civil rights in North Carolina.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
January 31, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

On January 22, 1968, GOLDEN ASRO FRINKS, Field Secretary, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was interviewed at his residence at Edenton, North Carolina, by representatives of the FBI. FRINKS related that he is ranked seventh or eighth in the SCLC chain of command, and he recently attended conferences in Atlanta, Georgia, concerning forthcoming activities of SCLC. He said at the present time, he is on loan from SCLC to the North Carolina gubernatorial candidate, Doctor REGINALD A. HAWKINS, from Charlotte, North Carolina. He said in this regard, he will travel in North Carolina, to the towns of Pantego, Wilmington, Fayetteville and Durham attempting to form a coalition between the Negroes and the poor whites. FRINKS was not optimistic that HAWKINS would be elected, but he stated if he were elected, it would be a great stride forward for civil rights and tend to retard outbursts of violence and riots

FRINKS stated while in Atlanta recently, he met with Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING and other civil rights workers from SCLC, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He said the purpose of this conference was to plan demonstrations and a strategy for Washington, D. C., this spring or summer. He said SCLC hopes to have immediate passage of certain civil rights legislation, but if this is unsuccessful, Doctor KING will call for this demonstration. He said another purpose of the conference was to try to eliminate the communist element from infiltrating their plans for a peaceful, non-violent demonstration in Washington, D. C., as well as to eliminate those civil rights groups that advocate violence and riots. In conversation regarding

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the possibility that the demonstration in Washington, D. C., might meet with resistance from the local Government, FRINKS made no mention of other target cities." He said if they are resisted in Washington, D. C., there will be sit-ins and other forms of civil disobedience short of violence. As to his role in this master plan, FRINKS said it is his responsibility to train 200 persons throughout this state to go to Washington, D. C., with him and demonstrate at preselected locations. As an example, he used the Department of Interior as the object of such a sit-in or demonstration by his group. He said this group of 200 from North Carolina, would not be from any one area of the state, but from every locality. He said he would not want this group to meet unless he called a meeting. FRINKS felt that if they all came from one area of North Carolina, chances would be enhanced that once trained, they might choose a violent course of action rather than the non-violent course he intends to pursue. Regarding violence, FRINKS admitted that once the SCLC-sponsored demonstrations in Washington, D. C., commenced, little could be done by SCLC to prevent other groups from arriving in Washington, D. C., who may be responsible for violence or riots. FRINKS stated he had just returned from Durham, North Carolina, where he had been working on the Washington, D. C., project. He stated he plans to return there about January 27 or 28, 1968, presumably both for responsibilities he has to SCLC and REGINALD HAWKINS.

FRINKS stated BEN MACK is a SCLC worker in Southern Christian Leadership Conference the area of voter registration in a small community near Charleston, South Carolina. No mention was made by FRINKS that MACK had any responsibility in the Washington, D. C., project.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

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RACIAL MATTER

ReWFOairtel 1/22/68.

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Information contained in LHM furnished to SA GEROULD W. PANGBURN by Inspector THOMAS I. HERLIHY.

This matter is being followed closely by WFO.

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BY: [redacted]

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Washington, D. C. 20535
January 29, 1968

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FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2543) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

Reurairtel, 1/25/68.

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(1-44-439)
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Mobile, Alabama
January 26, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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Detective SIMPLER said that the AAC is only a small group at this time with less than a hundred members. This information has not been verified at this time as to whether or not the buses will be provided, but the possibility exists that some type of transportation will be provided.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1980)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 1/18/68.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report by weekly airtel per Bureau instructions.

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January 25, 1968

1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

EX 106

The following information has been furnished by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, recently held a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss plans for the massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project." It is King's current plan to recruit 3,000 individuals primarily from the East, Midwest, and South, to come to Washington, D. C., in early April, 1968, to lobby and demonstrate in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. A proposal was made and adopted at this meeting to enlist the support, if not the actual participation, of black nationalist groups in the "Washington Spring Project." King agreed to designate individuals in the future to make the necessary contacts with the black nationalist groups in this regard.

Four individuals have been assigned by King to work in the States of Alabama and Mississippi to recruit

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

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SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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NOTE:

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January 23, 1968

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AIRTEL

To: SAC, WFO

From: Director, FBI (157-8428)

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AIRTEL

ST. 114

To: SAC, Cleveland (157-1304)

From: Director, FBI (157-8428)

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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FBI

Date: 1/15/68

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304) (P)

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-532) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Louisville airtel, 1-12-68.

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2 - Louisville
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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Donald F. O'Donnell, Chief Counsel of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (chaired by Senator John L. McClellan) which currently is conducting the hearings concerning riots and civil disorders, has requested information concerning the demonstration being planned by Martin Luther King, Jr., in Washington this spring. King has publicly stated that he intends to conduct massive civil disobedience in Washington this year unless specific demands for congressional action to solve the problems of poor Negroes are met.

Enclosed is a brief summary of pertinent information concerning King's plans for this event. The information contained therein is of a public source nature.

In addition to furnishing the enclosed write-up to O'Donnell, it is felt we should keep the leadership in the House of Representatives and the Senate advised of pertinent developments concerning these demonstrations insofar as that they might affect the Congress. Hence, it is believed a copy of the enclosed write-up should be furnished to Speaker of the House McCormack and Senate Majority Leader Mansfield for their information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the enclosed write-up be approved and returned to the Crime Records Division so that a copy can be furnished to O'Donnell, Speaker of the House McCormack and Senator Mansfield.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
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Delivered to O'Donnell Dr. Swig, sec. to Speaker McCormack and Mrs Sahagian, Ast to Senator Mansfield, 1-19-65

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 1-17-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Donald F. O'Donnell, Chief Counsel of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (chaired by Senator John L. McClellan) which currently is conducting the hearings concerning riots and civil disorders, has requested information concerning the demonstration being planned by Martin Luther King, Jr., in Washington this spring. King has publicly stated that he intends to conduct massive civil disobedience in Washington this year unless specific demands for congressional action to solve the problems of poor Negroes are met.

Enclosed is a brief summary of pertinent information concerning King's plans for this event. The information contained therein is of a public source nature.

In addition to furnishing the enclosed write-up to O'Donnell, it is felt we should keep the leadership in the House of Representatives and the Senate advised of pertinent developments concerning these demonstrations insofar as that they might affect the Congress. Hence, it is believed a copy of the enclosed write-up should be furnished to Speaker of the House McCormack and Senate Majority Leader Mansfield for their information.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the enclosed write-up be approved and returned to the Crime Records Division so that a copy can be furnished to O'Donnell, Speaker of the House McCormack and Senator Mansfield.

Enclosure

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FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-2007)

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REMARKS OF SENATOR JOHN L. McCLELLAN
RELATING TO THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Mr. President, the so-called "Poor People's March on Washington" is a matter of deep concern to every law abiding citizen of our country.

The stated intentions of the leaders of the march are to assemble in this city many thousands of demonstrators--no one seems to know how many there will be--in an atmosphere and under conditions which are calculated to lead to civil disorders and violence. I quote one of their leaders, the Reverend A. D. King, brother of the late Martin Luther King, speaking on April 21, 1968: "We are going to Washington and disrupt Washington so it cannot function unless it does something about black people." On May 2, Reverend Abernathy, in addressing an audience in Memphis, stated "we are coming to Washington to turn Washington downside up and upside down." There have been other serious threats which were obviously intended to intimidate and coerce important officials of the government.

On April 25, 1968, less than two weeks ago, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held a conference with the officials of the Federal and District of Columbia Governments to discuss this March on Washington.

Present at the conference were members of the Subcommittee and the following Federal officials: Attorney General Ramsey Clark; Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall; Under Secretary of the Army David McGiffert; General Ralph E. Haines, Jr., of the U. S. Army; Major General Charles L. Southward of the National Guard; and Major General William P. Yarborough of U. S. Army Intelligence. District of Columbia officials who attended were Mayor Walter Washington, Director of Public Safety.

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The purpose of the conference was to ascertain what policies and procedures these governmental agencies propose to follow in preventing, controlling or supervising this demonstration. Specifically, we wanted to learn what actions had been taken or would be taken to maintain law and order in the District of Columbia during the march, to assure that the orderly processes of government will not be disrupted or halted, to protect the citizens of the city from physical harm and their property from damage and destruction, and to prevent the outbreak of violence as a consequence of the mass demonstrations which have been announced.

All of us are aware, through our mail and telegrams, that the nation is deeply disturbed about the possible consequences of this march. Our people have a right to know whether the government is making the preparations necessary to avert another period of violence in our nation's capital, or whether there is procrastination on the part of responsible heads of government. We would like to know whether needed and firm decisions are being deferred and unduly delayed during this period of tense conditions in the wake of the recent rioting. The city has had more than 50 instances of suspected arson since April 15.

In my opinion, the President of the United States has the obligation and responsibility to announce promptly and firmly to those who are coming to Washington to participate in the demonstrations, that lawlessness, disruption of government, and incitement to rioting and violence will not be tolerated. The time is getting short; the marchers are already on the way. Word from the President should go out immediately to the entire nation that the Government of the United States in its capital city will not be subjected to intimidation, humiliation and disruption, and that any attempt at violence, rioting, burning and plundering in the city of Washington will be promptly met with such force as may be necessary to prevent or to quell such acts.

All American citizens have the right to peacefully petition and officials for the redress of grievances, and such presented should be heard and appropriately acted upon. ganization of any class, creed or color should be

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permitted to employ intimidation and coercion or to resort to civil disobedience and violence to impose its will or to achieve its aims. If this is tolerated, law and order will be destroyed and a safe and peaceful society will surely perish.

In his press conference of May 3, the President acknowledged the dangers attending this march. When he was asked about the march by a news reporter, he made the following comments about the possibilities of violence: "We hope that the presentation made will be nonviolent although WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT NO SINGLE INDIVIDUAL CAN GIVE ANY ASSURANCE THAT THEY CAN CONTROL A SITUATION LIKE THIS. IT CONTAINS MANY INHERENT DANGERS. We are concerned with them. We have made extensive preparations." Most regrettably, however, the President failed to take advantage of the opportunity in his press conference, on nationwide network television and before the assembled White House press corps, to sound a firm warning to the marchers, and especially to their leaders, and to give positive assurances to the American people that civil disobedience, rioting, looting and burning will not be tolerated--that such force as may be necessary to deal with violence effectively will be positively and promptly used.

Mr. President, the Subcommittee today is releasing the transcript of the conference of April 25 so that the public can be fully informed and alerted to the dangers that are inherent in this impending demonstration under a leadership who, as I stated previously, have announced that they are coming here to "turn Washington downside up and upside down."

The Attorney General was urged by the Subcommittee to seek redress in the courts by injunction to prevent the marchers from resorting to violence and civil disorders. The many public statements made by the leaders of the march alone would warrant the granting of such injunction. We are, or should be, a people of law and order. The government should make use of the remedies that are available to it. It should invoke the

power of the courts to enjoin and prevent the threatened disorders and lawlessness in our nation's capital. It is of the utmost importance that all possible steps be taken to meet the dangers and challenges this impending march imposes.

The transcript of the conference makes clear that some of the important decisions have not yet been made and that adequate planning is far from complete. For example, we do not know where the marchers will be allowed to build their "shantytown," because that decision has not been made, or if made, has not been announced. The statements of Secretary Udall indicate that the decision about the granting of a permit for a "shantytown" will be a policy decision made in conjunction with other high level authorities. Does this mean that the decision and responsibility for permitting the building of a "shantytown" will be in the White House? Will the marchers be permitted to pitch their tents and build their shacks on the Mall or on the grounds around the Washington Monument? We do not know, because we were informed in the conference that no application for a permit had been submitted and no decision had yet been made.

I have also been advised by Secretary Udall that as of this morning no request for a permit had been submitted. However, I read in this morning's paper a statement by a leader of the march that they propose to utilize Federal property of their choosing without a permit and without having requested a permit.

Apparently, the leaders of this march intend to defy the authorities and deliberately violate the law for the purpose of provoking an incident. In my opinion, this is contrary to every proper concept of peaceful assembly. Instead, it is a premeditated act of contempt for and rebellion against the sovereignty of government.

It is also clear that no one in authority knows how many persons are coming or exactly where they are coming from. There may be 100,000 demonstrators on the streets on Memorial Day, May 30, according to estimates of the march leaders themselves.

I sincerely believe that a positive and unequivocal warning to that effect should be given to the marchers and their leaders who are making dire threats of what they intend to do when they get here, and such reassurances should be given to the entire nation by the President himself, so the American people can know that this city is not faced with shame and disgrace because of lack of purpose and determination on the part of our government to prevent it.

The probability of violence exists, Mr. President. Indeed, there is reliable information that it is actually being planned by certain militant advocates of violence who will swarm along the marchers' routes and will move into the "shantytowns" when they are erected.

During the conference, I asked the Attorney General if he had information that militants are plotting now to cast aside the Reverend Ralph Abernathy and take over the mass demonstrations once the marchers reach Washington. He said that he was not familiar with any such information.

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REMARKS OF SENATOR JOHN L. McCLELLAN
RELATING TO THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Mr. President, the so-called "Poor People's March on Washington" is a matter of deep concern to every law abiding citizen of our country.

The stated intentions of the leaders of the march are to assemble in this city many thousands of demonstrators--no one seems to know how many there will be--in an atmosphere and under conditions which are calculated to lead to civil disorders and violence. I quote one of their leaders, the Reverend A. D. King, brother of the late Martin Luther King, speaking on April 21, 1968: "We are going to Washington and disrupt Washington so it cannot function unless it does something about black people." On May 2, Reverend Abernathy, in addressing an audience in Memphis, stated "we are coming to Washington to turn Washington downside up and upside down." There have been other serious threats which were obviously intended to intimidate and coerce important officials of the government.

On April 25, 1968, less than two weeks ago, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held a conference with the officials of the Federal and District of Columbia Governments to discuss this March on Washington.

Present at the conference were members of the Subcommittee and the following Federal officials: Attorney General Ramsey Clark; Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall; Under Secretary of the Army David McGiffert; General Ralph E. Haines, Jr., of the U. S. Army; Major General Charles L. Southward of the National Guard; and Major General William P. Yarborough of U. S. Army Intelligence. District of Columbia officials who attended were Mayor Walter Washington, Director of Public Safety

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The purpose of the conference was to ascertain what policies and procedures these governmental agencies propose to follow in preventing, controlling or supervising this demonstration. Specifically, we wanted to learn what actions had been taken or would be taken to maintain law and order in the District of Columbia during the march, to assure that the orderly processes of government will not be disrupted or halted, to protect the citizens of the city from physical harm and their property from damage and destruction, and to prevent the outbreak of violence as a consequence of the mass demonstrations which have been announced.

All of us are aware, through our mail and telegrams, that the nation is deeply disturbed about the possible consequences of this march. Our people have a right to know whether the government is making the preparations necessary to avert another period of violence in our nation's capital, or whether there is procrastination on the part of responsible heads of government. We would like to know whether needed and firm decisions are being deferred and unduly delayed during this period of tense conditions in the wake of the recent rioting. The city has had more than 50 instances of suspected arson since April 15.

In my opinion, the President of the United States has the obligation and responsibility to announce promptly and firmly to those who are coming to Washington to participate in the demonstrations, that lawlessness, disruption of government, and incitement to rioting and violence will not be tolerated. The time is getting short; the marchers are already on the way. Word from the President should go out immediately to the entire nation that the Government of the United States in its capital city will not be subjected to intimidation, humiliation and disruption, and that any attempt at violence, rioting, burning and plundering in the city of Washington will be promptly met with such force as may be necessary to prevent or to quell such acts.

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In his press conference of May 3, the President acknowledged the dangers attending this march. When he was asked about the march by a news reporter, he made the following comments about the possibilities of violence: "We hope that the presentation made will be nonviolent although WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT NO SINGLE INDIVIDUAL CAN GIVE ANY ASSURANCE THAT THEY CAN CONTROL A SITUATION LIKE THIS. IT CONTAINS MANY INHERENT DANGERS. We are concerned with them. We have made extensive preparations." Most regrettably, however, the President failed to take advantage of the opportunity in his press conference, on nationwide network television and before the assembled White House press corps, to sound a firm warning to the marchers, and especially to their leaders, and to give positive assurances to the American people that civil disobedience, rioting, looting and burning will not be tolerated--that such force as may be necessary to deal with violence effectively will be positively and promptly used.

Mr. President, the Subcommittee today is releasing the transcript of the conference of April 25 so that the public can be fully informed and alerted to the dangers that are inherent in this impending demonstration under a leadership who, as I stated previously, have announced that they are coming here to "turn Washington downside up and upside down."

The Attorney General was urged by the Subcommittee to seek redress in the courts by injunction to prevent the marchers from resorting to violence and civil disorders. The many public statements made by the leaders of the march alone would warrant the granting of such injunction. We are, or should be, a people of law and order. The government should make use of the remedies that are available to it. It should invoke the

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The transcript of the conference makes clear that some of the important decisions have not yet been made and that adequate planning is far from complete. For example, we do not know where the marchers will be allowed to build their "shantytown," because that decision has not been made, or if made, has not been announced. The statements of Secretary Udall indicate that the decision about the granting of a permit for a "shantytown" will be a policy decision made in conjunction with other high level authorities. Does this mean that the decision and responsibility for permitting the building of a "shantytown" will be in the White House? Will the marchers be permitted to pitch their tents and build their shacks on the Mall or on the grounds around the Washington Monument? We do not know, because we were informed in the conference that no application for a permit had been submitted and no decision had yet been made.

I have also been advised by Secretary Udall that as of this morning no request for a permit had been submitted. However, I read in this morning's paper a statement by a leader of the march that they propose to utilize Federal property of their choosing without a permit and without having requested a permit.

Apparently, the leaders of this march intend to defy the authorities and deliberately violate the law for the purpose of provoking an incident. In my opinion, this is contrary to every proper concept of peaceful assembly. Instead, it is a premeditated act of contempt for and rebellion against the sovereignty of government.

It is also clear that no one in authority knows how many persons are coming or exactly where they are coming from. There may be 100,000 demonstrators on the streets on Memorial Day, May 30, according to estimates of the march leaders themselves.

I sincerely believe that a positive and unequivocal warning to that effect should be given to the marchers and their leaders who are making dire threats of what they intend to do when they get here, and such reassurances should be given to the entire nation by the President himself, so the American people can know that this city is not faced with shame and disgrace because of lack of purpose and determination on the part of our government to prevent it.

The probability of violence exists, Mr. President. Indeed, there is reliable information that it is actually being planned by certain militant advocates of violence who will swarm along the marchers' routes and will move into the "shantytowns" when they are erected.

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Curfew Remains

President Urges Police To Deal Firmly, Fairly With Situation

By JOHN MEANS

President Johnson said yesterday that federal assistance is available to Memphis if it is needed to maintain order, as the riot-bruised city went into its second night of curfew.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose downtown march Thursday exploded into violence that left one dead, at least 62 injured and 218 arrested, departed Memphis yesterday afternoon after setting the scene for another march later in the afternoon. But this one — about 300 sign-carrying Negroes walking single file on Main Street's east sidewalk — was completed without incident.

Sporadic outbreaks of looting and vandalism continued yesterday, with 33 more arrests. Charges included looting, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and threatened breach of the peace. Two of the most serious incidents of the day were separate shootings at police cars.

City Court, Division II, caught most of the results of the violence. More than 200 persons charged in the past two days appeared before City Judge Bernie Weinman on charges ranging from drunkenness to assault on a police officer. Judge Weinman bound 49 defendants over to the state, dismissed 46 others, and continued the cases against 118 until later this month, in a 12-hour court session.

The largest bond, $5,000, was set for Gordon L. Odom Jr. of 336 South Parkway East, on a charge of third-degree burglary, by City Judge Ray Churchill. Other bonds ranged from $250 to $2,000.

Police continued to be plagued by reports of firebombings, vandalism and looting last night but apparently at a lower rate than Thursday night's marathon crime wave. The only injury reported yesterday was a policeman who was cut on the finger while making an arrest of a suspected drunk.

Before he left Memphis, Dr. King pledged to return next week to lead another mass demonstration. But he said he would take part in its planning and would take steps to keep young Negro militants under control.

Thursday's incident attracted other attention nationally. From Washington, George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, offered his personal services yesterday in a search for a solution to the seven-week-old sanitation workers' strike.

Turning his attention to the strike, Mayor Henry Loeb told a group of law students at a luncheon yesterday the city's twice-a-week garbage pickup schedule is a thing of the past. Even after the strike is settled, he said, the once-a-week pickup now in operaton "Will be permanent."

The riot damage was estimated by insurance officials at more than $400,000—not including fire and not including losses due to the interrupted business days.

Downtown stores untouched by the rioting were open normally yesterday, and will continue to be.

Yesterday's march was in 82-degree weather calm. "This is the way we wanted it to be yesterday," one marcher told an onlooker. "The only reason it wasn't was because of those infiltrators. If they hadn't come in, it would have been peaceful."

March leaders worked at making it peaceful. The Rev. J. Allen Cutter of Dyersburg CME Church took a sign mounted on a stick from a marcher, separated stick from sign and threw the stick away.

"If you don't have anything to attack with, you can't attack," he told the marcher as he returned the stickless placard to him. "And by the same token, you can't defend yourself."

The Rev. J. M. Lawson, one of the leaders of the Negro movement, had planned to be in the forefront of the march, but remained behind to launch his single-file marchers individually. The march was led at 3 p.m. by Asst. Chief of Police Henry Lux, who walked down Main armed with a walkie-

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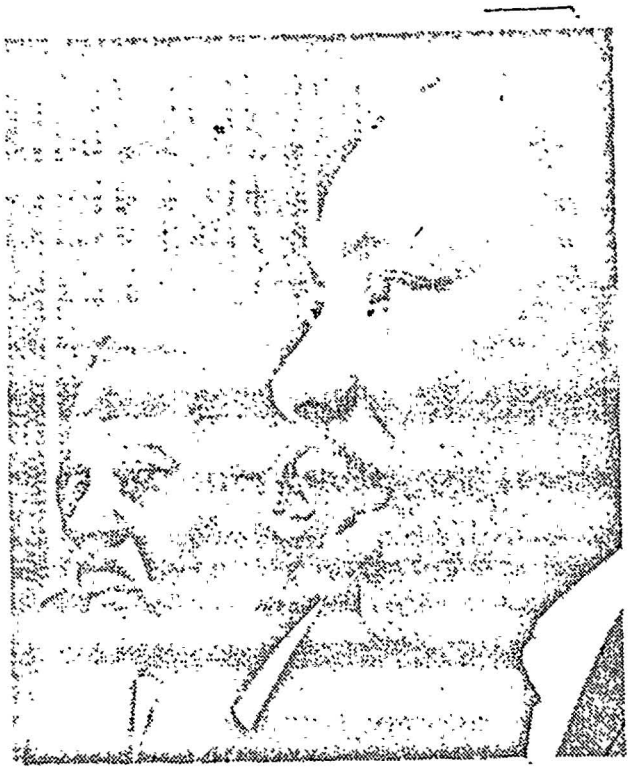
The Rev. Mr. Lawson has promised a downtown march daily until the sanitation strike ends. But the powers given the mayor's office by the state Legislature leave the decision on such marches in the hands of Mayor Henry Loeb and Mr. Holloman.

Mr. Holloman approved yesterday's march, conditionally. Participants were to be limited to sanitation workers and adult sympathizers. They were to march on the sidewalk only, and in single file.

With communication between the Negro leaders and the Police Department almost nonexistent, Mr. Holloman's conditions were relayed to the Rev. Mr. Lawson by David Caywood, Memphis attorney and president of the West Tennessee chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. They were accepted, and the Rev. Mr. Lawson and Mr. Caywood both worked through the early part of the afternoon screening the marchers and rejecting some would-be marchers whose age seemed to violate Mr. Holloman's terms.



Dr. Martin Luther King (Right) At Press Conference
His Aide, The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Listens
—Staff Photo by Robert Williams

Handy Park, fronting on Beale from Third to Hernando, was the quietest place in the riot-torn area yesterday afternoon. National Guardsmen were there in strength, but pulled out quickly before the march began, leaving only a corporal's guard of about a dozen men behind.

In the warm asphalt of Beale Street, the rubber-cleated tracks of armored personnel carriers left slashes that looked like gigantic zippers as they rumbled off to escort the slow-moving single-file march down Main.

The normal sounds of Handy Park were replaced by an occasional squawk from a police radio, military orders being given in conversational tones, and a hammer in the distance as another piece of new plywood took the place of a broken store window. Beale was a plywood-front street from Main to Hernando.

There were other reminders of Thursday's rioting. Guardsmen blocked off Beale across Main as the marchers filed by — the troopers standing shoulder-to-shoulder across the street, their bayoneted rifles at the ready. And behind the glass doors of one company store clerks stood silently, displaying the firm's merchandise. Four of the clerks were holding shotguns.

Other merchants along the march route watched quietly from their doors. There were no catcalls, no boos, no heckling. A group of young Negro women applauded from a second-story office near the Malco Theater.

Mayor Henry Loeb, armed with a hastily passed state law authorizing such action, proclaimed the second straight night of 7 p.m.-to-5 a.m. curfew. But unlike Thursday night's order, last night's curfew specifically exempted anyone with identification and a reasonable destination. Restaurants and theaters were to be so classified, Police Chief J. C. Macdonald told his officers. He also told officers that public consumation of alcohol was still banned.

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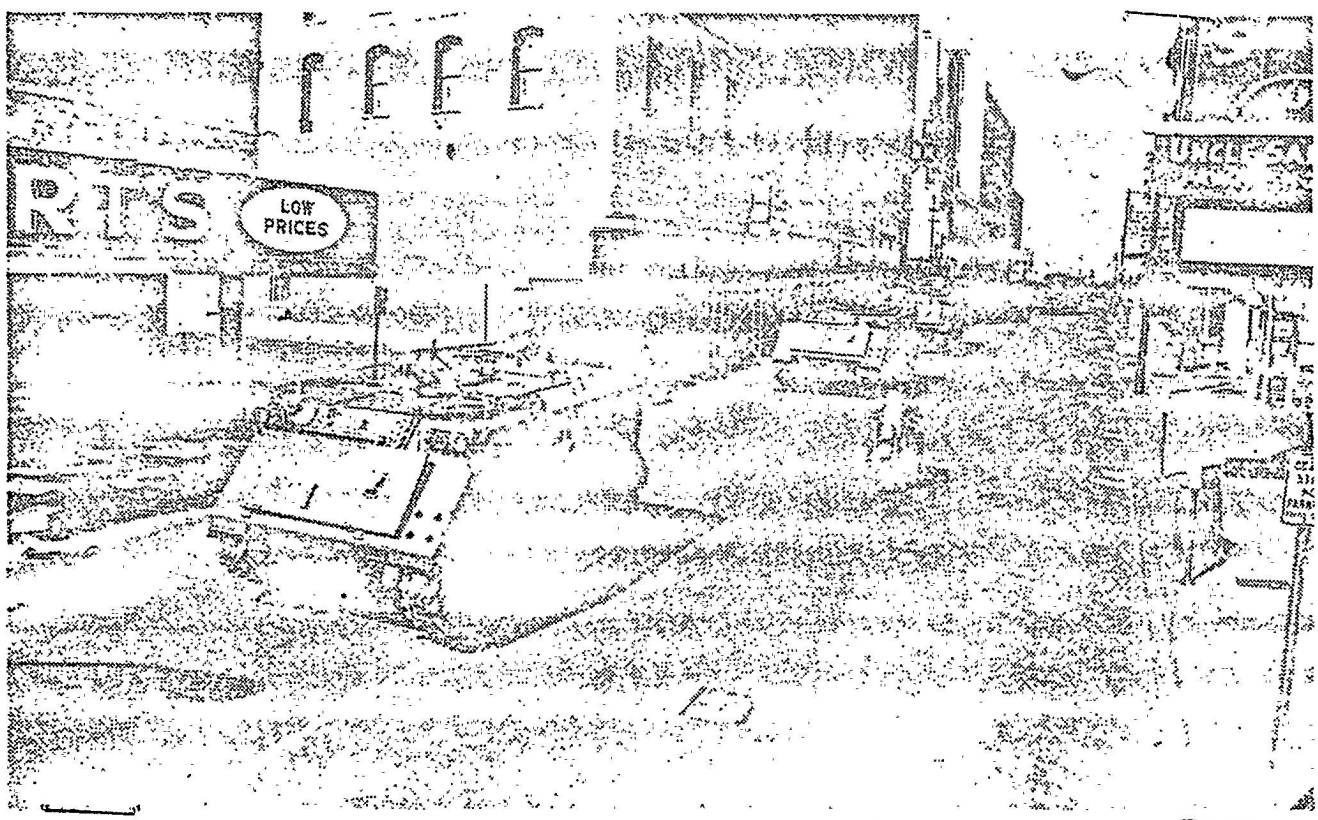

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President Johnson said yesterday that federal assistance is available to Memphis if it is needed to maintain order, as the riot-bruised city went into its second night of curfew.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose downtown march Thursday exploded into violence that left one dead, at least 62 injured and 218 arrested, departed Memphis yesterday afternoon after setting the scene for another march later in the afternoon. But this one — about 300 sign-carrying Negroes walking single file on Main Street's east sidewalk — was completed without incident.

Sporadic outbreaks of looting and vandalism continued yesterday, with 33 more arrests. Charges included looting, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and threatened breach of the peace. Two of the most serious incidents of the day were separate shootings at police cars.

City Court, Division II, caught most of the results of the violence. More than 200 persons charged in the past two days appeared before City Judge Bernie Weinman on charges ranging from drunkenness to assault on a police officer. Judge Weinman bound 49 defendants over to the state, dismissed 46 others, and continued the cases against 118 until later this month, in a 12-hour court session.

The largest bond, $5,000, was set for Gordon L. Odom Jr. of 376 South Parkway East, on a charge of third-degree burglary, by City Judge Ray Churchill. Other bonds ranged from $250 to $2,000.

Police continued to be plagued by reports of firebombings, vandalism and looting last night but apparently at a lower rate than Thursday night's marathon crime wave. The only injury reported yesterday was a policeman who was cut on the finger while making an arrest of a suspected drunk.

Before he left Memphis, Dr. King pledged to return next week to lead another mass demonstration. But he said he would take part in its planning and would take steps to keep young Negro militants under control.

Thursday's incident attracted other attention nationally. From Washington, George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, offered his personal services yesterday in a search for a solution to the seven-week-old sanitation workers' strike.

Turning his attention to the strike, Mayor Henry Loeb told a group of law students at a luncheon yesterday the city's twice-a-week garbage pickup schedule is a thing of the past. Even after the strike is settled, he said, the once-a-week pickup now in operaton "Will be permanent."

The riot damage was estimated by insurance officials at more than $400,000—not including fire and not including losses due to the interrupted business days.

Downtown stores untouched by the rioting were open normally yesterday, and will continue to be.

Yesterday's march was in 82-degree weather calm. "This is the way we wanted it to be yesterday," one marcher told an onlooker. "The only reason it wasn't was because of those infiltrators. If they hadn't come in, it would have been peaceful."

March leaders worked at making it peaceful. The Rev. J. Allen Cutter of Dyersburg CME Church took a sign mounted on a stick from a marcher, separated stick from sign and threw the stick away.

"If you don't have anything to attack with, you can't attack," he told the marcher as he returned the stickless placard to him. "And by the same token, you can't defend yourself."

The Rev. J. M. Lawson, one of the leaders of the Negro movement, had planned to be in the forefront of the march, but remained behind to launch his single-file marchers individually. The march was led at 3 p.m. by Asst. Chief of Police Henry Lux, who walked down Main armed with a walkie-

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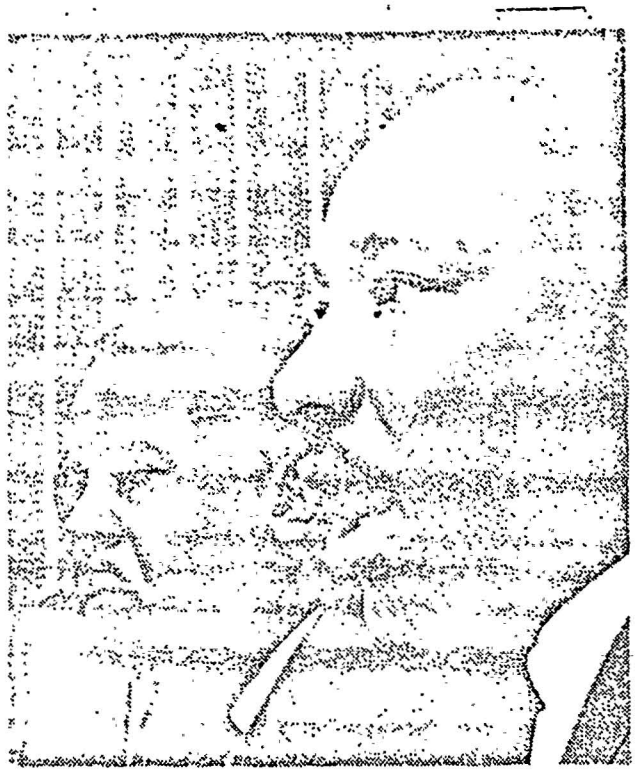
Mr. Holloman approved yesterday's march, conditionally. Participants were to be limited to sanitation workers and adult sympathizers. They were to march on the sidewalk only, and in single file.

With communication between the Negro leaders and the Police Department almost nonexistent, Mr. Holloman's conditions were relayed to the Rev. Mr. Lawson by David Caywood, Memphis attorney and president of the West Tennessee chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. They were accepted, and the Rev. Mr. Lawson and Mr. Caywood both worked through the early part of the afternoon screening the marchers and rejecting some would-be marchers whose age seemed to violate Mr. Holloman's terms.



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There were other reminders of Thursday's rioting. Guardsmen blocked off Beale across Main as the marchers filed by — the troopers standing shoulder-to-shoulder across the street, their bayoneted rifles at the ready. And behind the glass doors of one company store clerks stood silently, displaying the firm's merchandise. Four of the clerks were holding shotguns.

Other merchants along the march route watched quietly from their doors. There were no catcalls, no boos, no heckling. A group of young Negro women applauded from a second-story office near the Malco Theater.

Mayor Henry Loeb, armed with a hastily passed state law authorizing such action, proclaimed the second straight night of 7 p.m.-to-5 a.m. curfew. But unlike Thursday night's order, last night's curfew specifically exempted anyone with identification and a reasonable destination. Restaurants and theaters were to be so classified, Police Chief J. C. Macdonald told his officers. He also told officers that public consumation of alcohol was still banned.

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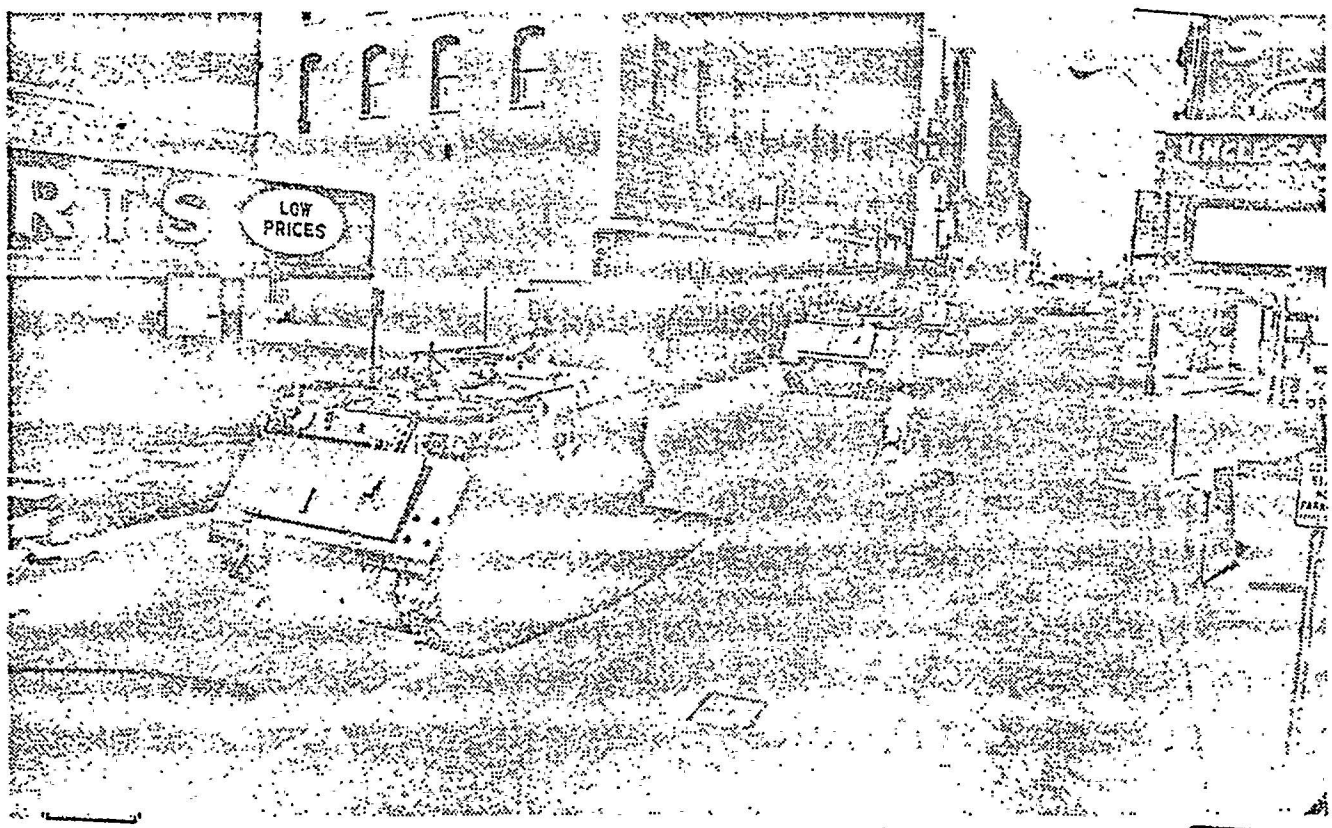

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Congressional Leaders Cite Memphis Riot In Call To Stop Capital Protest

By MORRIS CUNNINGHAM
From The Commercial Appeal Washington Bureau

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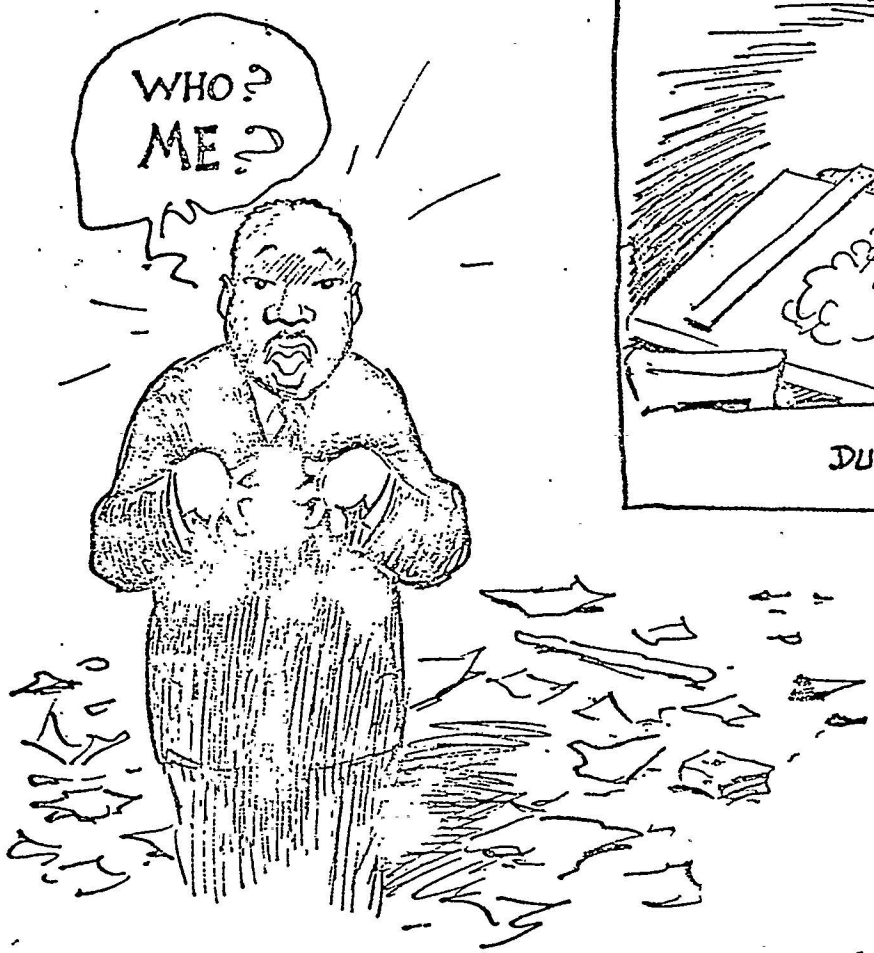

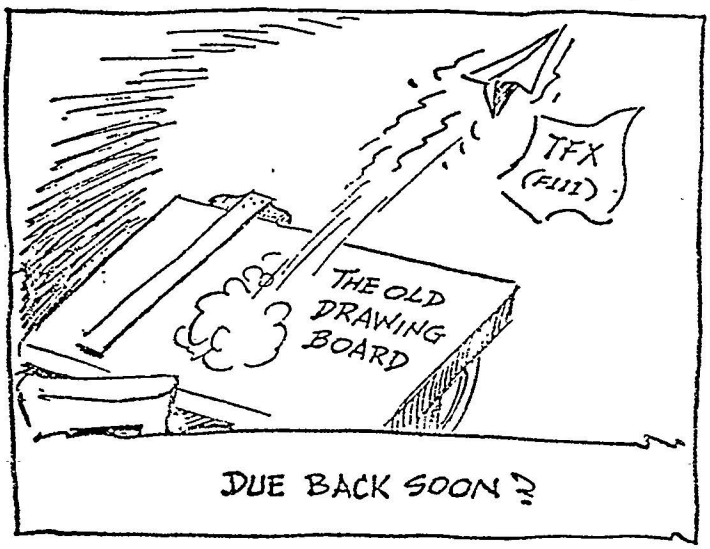

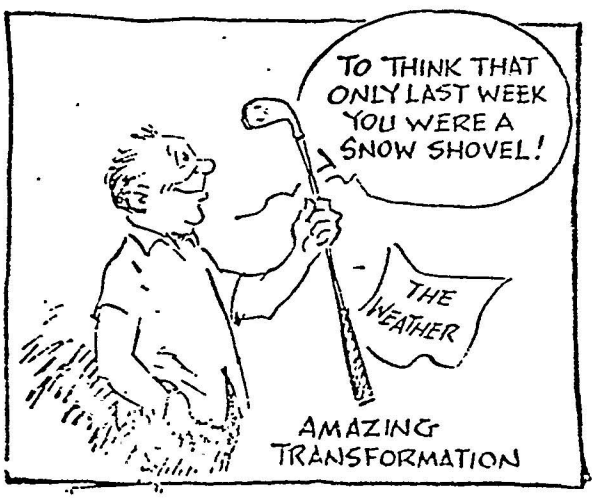



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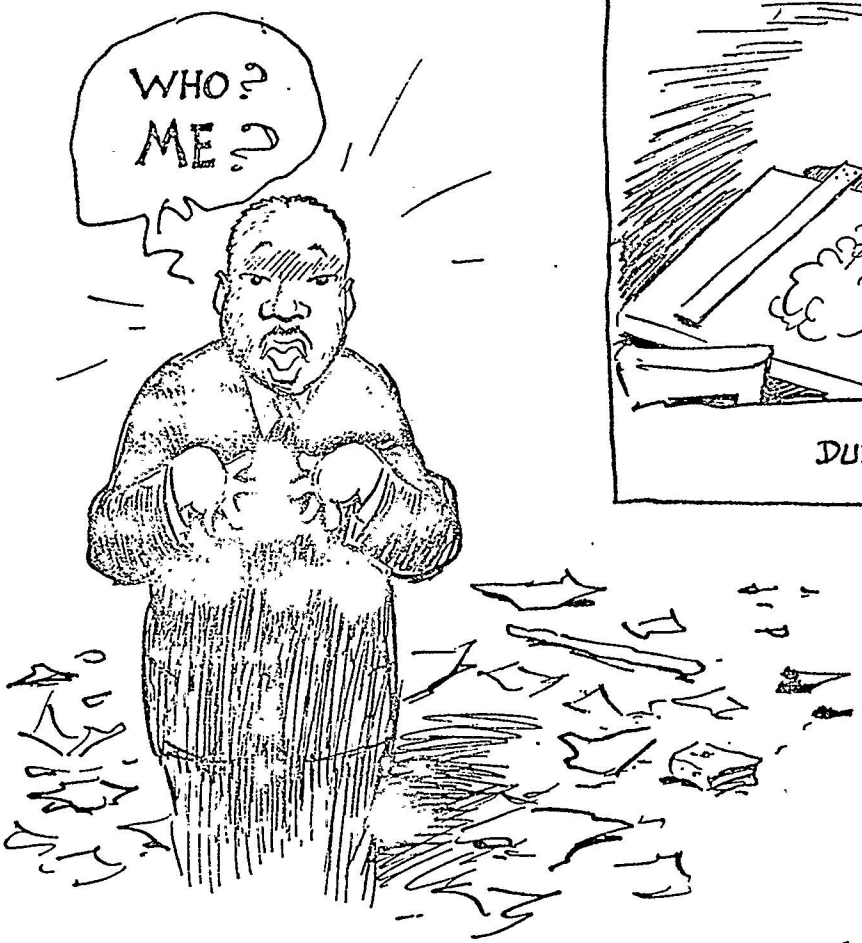

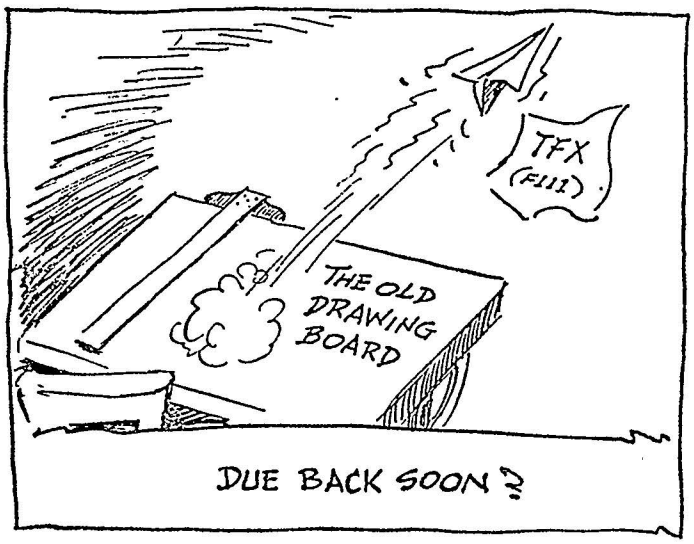

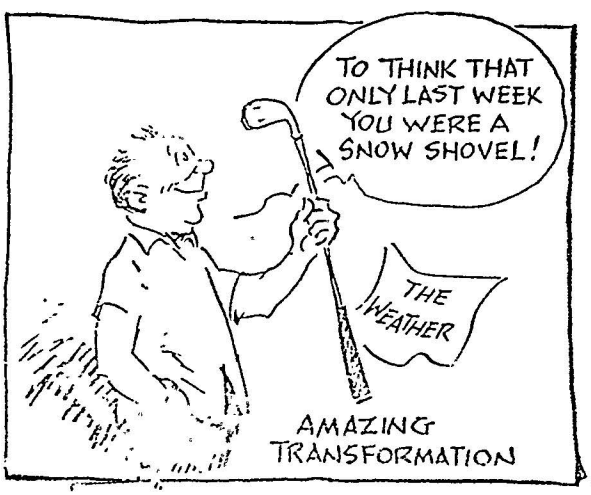



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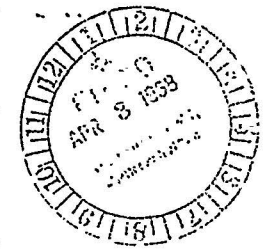

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Bailey Brown
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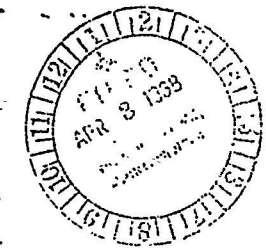

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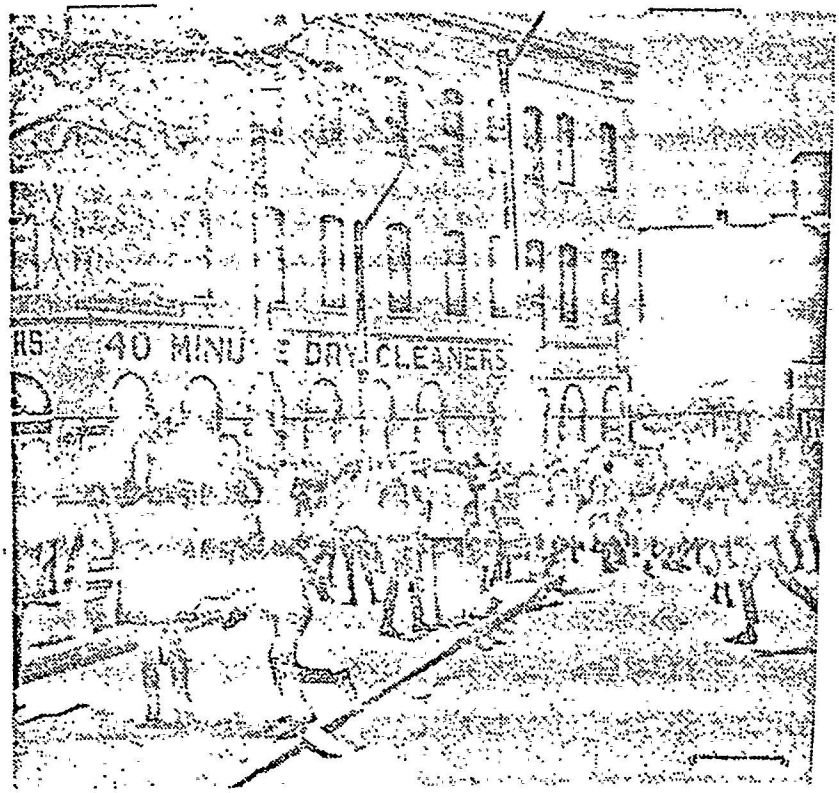

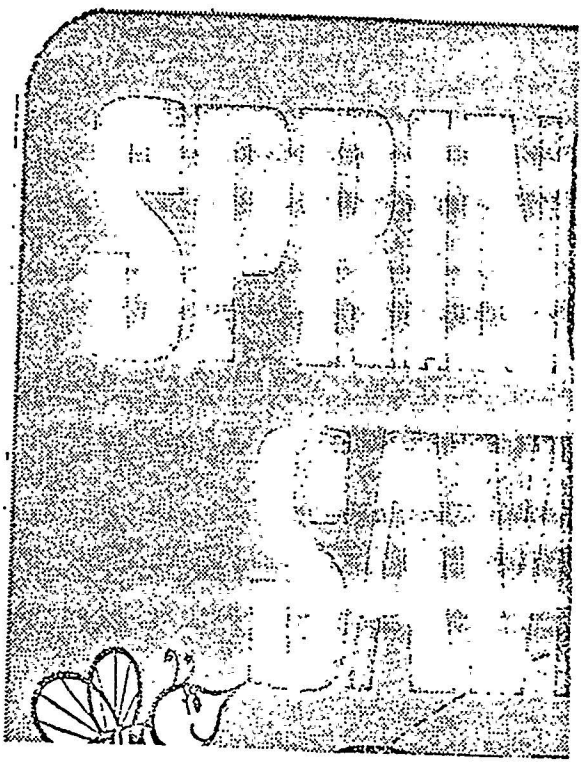

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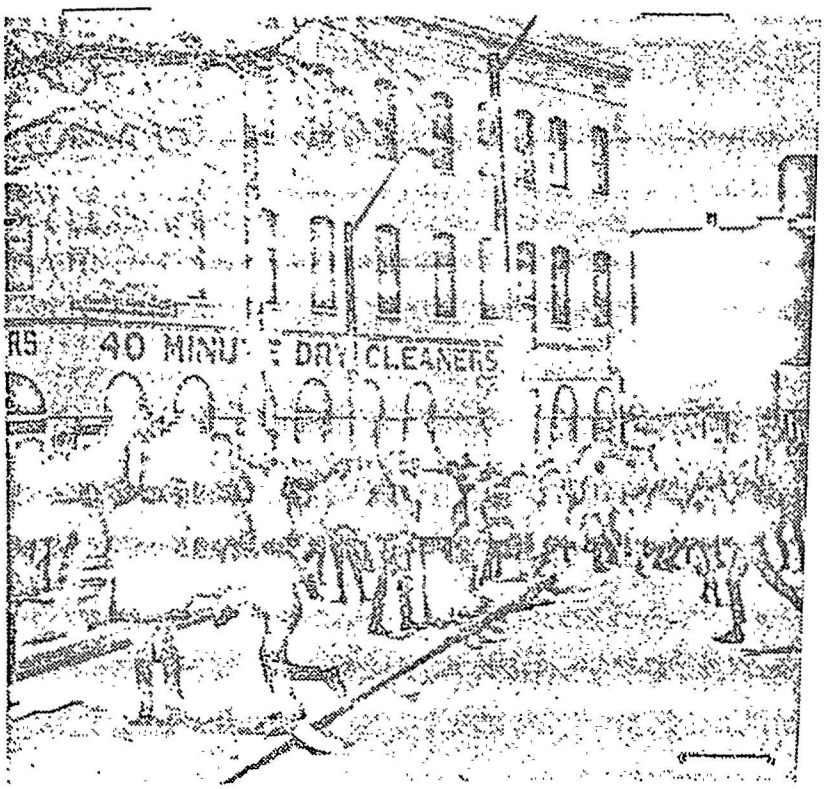

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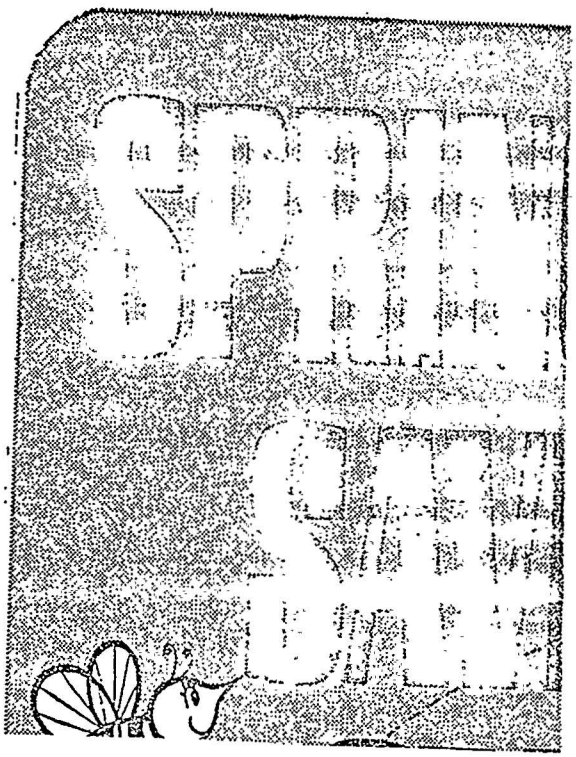

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Curfew Is Lifted; Main Near Normal

The curfew placed on Memphis after Thursday's rioting was lifted today, bus service returned to regular schedules, and Main Street moved toward business as usual.

Meanwhile, a top lieutenant of Dr. Martin Luther King, whose Thursday march ended in violence, announced that King will return to Memphis tomorrow and will "probably lead a massive march Friday."

On the curfew-lifting, Mayor Henry Loeb and Sheriff William Morris issued a joint statement saying the curfew removal means "all limitations which were imposed are now removed."

They expressed appreciation to authorities in nearby Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee for their cooperation in supporting the curfew.

Another march in support of the strike was scheduled for 2 p.m. today. At a Claybourn Temple press conference it was also announced that others would doubtless be called.

UPSWING

Business was on the upswing in major downtown stores, with many businessmen saying "everything is going back to normal."

A spokesman for Goldsmith's said, "We had a good crowd of people in the store this morning. It looked good and we're happy to say that things seem to be getting back to normal."

"A very nice crowd," was the term used by a spokesman for Gerber's. Lowenstein's reported its business good "with the customer flow this morning nearly normal."

Perel and Lowenstein's said it had a few more people in the store this morning than it has in days past.

ON BEALE

Beale Street, scene of most of the violence, also showed signs of life again after a weekend of quiet enforced by National Guardsmen. Signs proclaiming "Open for Business" were tacked up, and sheets of plywood covering smashed show windows had begun to be replaced by shiny blue and green sunglasses, guitars and musical instruments of all descriptions and the normal snazzy clothing offerings of the city's world renowned thoroughfare.

"I think the street will come back to life . . . but it'll take some time," was the hopeful thought of Morris Coppersmith, operator of Ellmor Sales, 146 Beale. He lost $612 worth of merchandise and nearly that amount in glass damage.

The U.S. Justice Department said in Washington that it is investigating the shooting death of a 16-year-old Memphis Negro during the riot which followed a march in support of the Memphis sanitation strike.

MEDIATION

There were reports of background efforts to get talks resumed between union and city officials today, as the sanitation strike entered its eighth week on a relatively quiet note.

Frank B. Miles, serving as mediator, Mayor Henry Loeb, and P. J. Ciampa, field director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes, the strikers' union,

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TENSION

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Rev. James Lawson, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church and a leader of strike supporters, said the funeral will now be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Clayborn Temple. The body will lie in state at the temple from 3 to 5 p.m. today.

Charles Blackburn, director of public works, said garbage trucks working during the strike were rolling from the Democrat Road station without trouble.

ARRESTED

One man accused of shooting at police Sunday when they answered a call to Robinson Truck Line, Orleans and Rover, was arrested and charged with shooting inside the city limits and resisting arrest. Police identified him as John Robert Perry, Negro, of 674 Linden.

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Renewed negotiations in the strike were called for by three Tennessee church leaders over the weekend. Bishop Joseph A. Durick, apostolic administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Nashville; Bishop John Vander Horst, Episcopal bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee, and Dr. H. Ellis Finger, Jr., Methodist bishop of Tennessee.

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On the curfew-lifting, Mayor Henry Loeb and Sheriff William Morris issued a joint statement saying the curfew removal means "all limitations which were imposed are now removed."

They expressed appreciation to authorities in nearby Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee for their cooperation in supporting the curfew.

Another march in support of the strike was scheduled for 2 p.m. today. At a Clayborn Temple press conference it was also announced that others would doubtless be called.

UPSWING

Business was on the upswing in major downtown stores, with many businessmen saying "everything is going back to normal."

A spokesman for Goldsmith's said, "We had a good crowd of people in the store this morning. It looked good and we're happy to say that things seem to be getting back to normal."

"A very nice crowd," was the term used by a spokesman for Gerber's. Lowenstein's reported its business good "with the customer flow this morning nearly normal."

Perel and Lowenstein's said it had a few more people in the store this morning than it has in days past.

ON BEALE

Beale Street, scene of most of the violence, also showed signs of life again after a weekend of quiet enforced by National Guardsmen. Signs proclaiming "Open for Business" were tacked up, and sheets of plywood covering smashed show windows had begun to be replaced by shiny blue and green sunglasses, guitars and musical instruments of all descriptions and the normal snazzy clothing offerings of the city's world renowned thoroughfare.

"I think the street will come back to life . . . but it'll take some time," was the hopeful thought of Morris Coppersmith, operator of Ellmor Sales, 146 Beale. He lost $612 worth of merchandise and nearly that amount in glass damage.

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MEDIATION

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TENSION

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Rev. James Lawson, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church and a leader of strike supporters, said the funeral will now be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Clayborn Temple. The body will lie in state at the temple from 3 to 5 p.m. today.

Charles Blackburn, director of public works, said garbage trucks working during the strike were rolling from the Democrat Road station without trouble.

ARRESTED

One man accused of shooting at police Sunday when they answered a call to Robinson Truck Line, Orleans and Rover, was arrested and charged with shooting inside the city limits and resisting arrest. Police identified him as John Robert Perry, Negro, of 674 Linden.

Police reported arrest of 96 persons over the weekend on charges of curfew violations. Another 15 were charged with looting. But Sunday night, everything was quiet.

Renewed negotiations in the strike were called for by three Tennessee church leaders over the weekend. Bishop Joseph A. Durick, apostolic administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Nashville; Bishop John Vander Horst, Episcopal bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee, and Dr. H. Ellis Finger, Jr., Methodist bishop of Tennessee.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reporting Office:

Charlotte, North Carolina

Names of Individuals Recruiting in North Carolina:

GOLDEN ASRO FRINKS

Address of Headquarters:

122 West Peterson Street
Edenton, North Carolina
(FRINKS' residence)

Credit Union Building
405 Braod Street
Edenton, North Carolina
(FRINKS' office)

Known Number of Individuals Recruited to Date:

At a March 5, 1968, interview, FRINKS maintained he had recruited 155 individuals.

Known Names of Individuals Recruited:

No individuals have been identified.

Estimated Number of Individuals Recruited:

See known number above.

Number of Busses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity:

At a March 5, 1968, interview, FRINKS advised that the means of transportation has not yet been worked out.

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In view of information in LHM, it appears that KING's itinerary relating to N. C. will be postponed. Charlotte will follow through sources and informants and keep the Bureau fully advised of activities in the Charlotte Division relating to Washington Spring Project.

ENCLOSURE

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(3 - 157-8428)
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(2 - 157-2924)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Charlotte, North Carolina
April 2, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum prepared at Charlotte, North Carolina, March 26, 1968, concerning captioned matter.

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> "Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will probably cancel his scheduled Thursday visit to North Carolina, says a spokesman for the Negro civil rights leader."
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> "Dr. KING announced plans Sunday for returning to Memphis, Tennessee."
>
> "The spokesman said the North Carolina visit may be postponed until another day or another week."
>
> "KING's one-day campaign was to have included stops in Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Wilson, New Bern, and Wilmington, N. C."

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RACIAL MATTERS

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reporting Office:

Charlotte, North Carolina

Names of Individuals Recruiting in North Carolina:

GOLDEN ASRO FRINKS

Address of Headquarters:

122 West Peterson Street
Edenton, North Carolina
(FRINKS' residence)

Credit Union Building
405 Braod Street
Edenton, North Carolina
(FRINKS' office)

Known Number of Individuals Recruited to Date:

At a March 5, 1968, interview, FRINKS maintained he had recruited 155 individuals.

Known Names of Individuals Recruited:

No individuals have been identified.

Estimated Number of Individuals Recruited:

See known number above.

Number of Busses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity:

At a March 5, 1968, interview, FRINKS advised that the means of transportation has not yet been worked out.

Number of Private Cars to Participate:

Unknown

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FBI

Date: 4/2/68

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Subject: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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Columbia, S.C.

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Date: 4/2/68

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Under a light but steady rain, Memphis had a quiet Sunday on which police reported only "minor situations" as an aftermath of last Thursday's downtown riot.

Although the day passed uneventful for the most part, contingents of the 4,000-man National Guard force called into the city continued to patrol streets.

Mayor Henry Loeb, noting the apparent calm, said last night he would "reevaluate the curfew and its status" this morning and make an announcement about noon.

Issues to be evaluated are whether to allow liquor stores to reopen, resumption of beer sales and ending the authorized questioning of persons on city streets between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Many ministers used the quiet Sunday to urge restraint and a return to peace in their weekly sermons.

At Christ Methodist Church, Dr. F. A. Flatt, superintendent of the Memphis-Shelby District of the Methodist Church, told the congregation:

"Too often symptoms are dealt with rather than the causes of problems."

He said the country's race problem, poverty and the Vietnam War are fevers suggesting something underneath — man's alienation from God. "When we bring man and God together, then we can solve these problems."

At First Baptist Church-Beale Street, the Rev. James A. Jordan joined hundreds of other Memphis clergymen, Negro and white, to pray to God for help. He said he would ask his congregation to join in a fast today for a return to peace.

At St. Paul's Catholic Church, the Rev. Edward Cleary, whose morning sermon blamed the riot on a Communist conspiracy, was interrupted by a young man who stood up near the pulpit and asked, "What about social justice?" Several ushers approached him and he left the church. Some members of the congregation applauded.

A protest strategy meeting last night, which drew four aides of Dr. Martin Luther King to the Department of Minimum Salary of the AME Church at 280 Hernando, promised to "escalate the demonstrations."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, acting as spokesman for Dr. King's aides, promised tightening of the economic boycott, establishment of a branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference here, control of the black community and a merger with black power elements of the city.

The other three aides now in Memphis are Hosea Williams, the Rev. James Bevel and the Rev. James Orange. The strategy meeting was attended by

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___ COMMERCIAL APPEAL

___ MEMPHIS, TENN.

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union representatives P. J. Ciampa, Jesse Epps and William Lucy.

Also at the strategy meeting were leaders and representatives of the Invaders, local advocates of black power.

Dr. King said he would return to Memphis tomorrow to lead more marches. A spokesman for the local Community on the move for Equality organization said smaller downtown demonstrations would resume at 2 p.m. today "and continue daily."

Dr. King said the Memphis march forced him to cancel a planned trip to Nigeria where he said he was to attempt to negotiate a settlement between the Nigerian government and the breakaway nation of Biafra. "The situation in Memphis demands immediate action," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson said it was uncertain last night when Dr. King would actually lead the march.

Sanitation trucks collected garbage throughout the drizzle. A spokesman said 76 were on the streets yesterday.

Claude Armour, an assistant of Gov. Buford Ellington, said he thought yesterday's rain helped keep down incidents but was not a major factor. He said the National Guard and other law enforcement agencies "had been quite successful" in preserving order.

Asst. Police Chief W. E. Routt said the city was "relatively quiet" but would not attribute it directly to the weather.

Police reported 36 arrests yesterday connected with the curfew and unrest. Eleven of those were jailed for public drunkenness.

A Fire Department spokesman said the number of fire calls and false alarms slackened considerably but he had no total of the number of fire runs made. "It's not as busy as it was," he said.

Chief Routt said John Robert Perry, 42, dragged from an apartment early yesterday and arrested as a sniper, told police he was shooting in the air.

Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, director of the AME Church Department of Minimum Salary, said the body of Larry Payne, 16, will "lie in state" from 3 to 5 p.m. today and from 10 to 11 a.m. tomorrow at Clayborn Temple AME Church.

The youth was killed Thursday by Patrolman L. T. Jones, 25, who said young Payne threatened him with a knife when he tried to arrest the youth as a looter. The youth's death was the only one attributed directly to rioting.

The Rev. B. T. Dumas is to officiate at an 11 a.m. funeral for young Payne at the temple, tomorrow. Burial will be in New Park Cemetery.

The Tennessee Council on Human Relations yesterday asked the United States Commission on Civil Rights to conduct a public hearing to gather information about the Memphis rioting. The request was made by Baxton Bryant, director of the council.

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Negro Leaders Sifting Rubble For Answers

By JIMMIE COVINGTON

Most of the estimated 5,000 persons who took part in last Thursday's march, headed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., were not expecting trouble when they went downtown.

What happened?

A Negro postal employe who was at the march put it this way:

"The march was made up predominantly of the working class, church-going people, the average citizen. There were some outsiders there. I call them thugs. They caused the trouble."

The racial explosion left Beale Street in shambles, an estimated $400,000 worth of damage, one youth dead and after-shocks and tensions that will last for a long time.

As one observer put it, a majority of the persons who went to the march were persons who only put a white shirt and tie on on Sunday, but they put them on Thursday because they believed in the sanitation workers' cause and in Dr. King, a national civil rights symbol.

Others apparently came because they were coerced by threats. How widespread the coercion was is unclear. There were several reports of coercion, but those who were threatened often were afraid to complain.

Others came for trouble. The troublemakers have been estimated at perhaps 25 to 35 in the beginning, with the number growing to 200 to 300, most of them young persons.

That ministers who have headed the sanitation strike sympathizers and who planned Thursday's march lost control of the demonstration is perhaps indicative of their present leadership position in the Negro community.

They at present represent perhaps the strongest "organized leadership over the Negro civil rights movement here, having replaced the local NAACP chapter and Shelby County Democratic Club leaders, who claimed leadership for many years.

The ministers, who call themselves nonviolent but who often hint of violence in their pep talks to rallies, are in turn under pressure from young militants and black power supporters who demand violence.

The question of who will be

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NEWS ANALYSIS

The spokesmen for the Negro community may now be hanging in the balance, some observers say.

Many white leaders in the past have rejected any dealings with the more militant ministers who are now leading strike sympathizers. Some observers feel the white leaders may in the future find these ministers more acceptable to deal with than the militant black power advocates.

The observers say the long racial calm here perhaps lulled white civic leaders and officials into an attitude of "it can't happen here" despite protests from responsible Negro leaders that they would be undercut by black power advocates.

The Negro leaders have placed major emphasis here on job equality and the hiring and training of more Negroes, even to the point of hiring on a ratio basis.

After Thursday's riot, much of what is considered to be the city's civic leadership appeared at a loss to explain why the riot started or what must be done to get the city moving again toward racial harmony.

The riot and the strict clampdown by police, sheriff's deputies, state troopers and National Guardsmen has had a telling effect on the mood in the Negro community.

There are numerous examples of mature Negroes who came prepared to march nonviolently and were disillusioned as a result of the trouble that rocked the demonstration.

They include men such as Harold Whalum, 38, president of Union Protective Life Insurance Co. and vice chairman of the Urban League here, who said he was beaten and subjected to immobilizing gas after the demonstration.

"I had just brought some ladies and children into the office to get them off the street when a policeman pushed open the door and said, "You black . . . . . keep yourselves in there or we're going to shoot you full of holes," Mr. Whalum said.

He said he told the officer such language was unnecessary "and that's when he knocked me down. There was so much hatred in that fist of his that I believe I would be dead now if I'd said anything else."

A longtime practitioner of nonviolence, Mr. Whalum now says, "I feel like a fool."

There are other examples. The Rev. Pat Ellis, 23, is both a minister and a taxicab driver. He said he was jerked from his cab, cursed and beaten by policemen Friday night.

Ernest Anthony Baker, 24, of 932 Randle, a truck driver for a furniture firm, said he and a friend, Leonard Phillips, 22, of 755 Randle, were stopped, cursed and threatened by police near their homes Saturday while returning from visiting a relative. Mr. Baker spoke without bitterness.

There have been other complaints that Negroes have been mistreated under the 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew which has been imposed by Mayor Henry Loeb since Thursday.

Both the mayor and Fire and Police Director Frank Holloman declare the curfew is applied the same to whites and Negroes and that officers have been instructed to treat everyone fairly.

Distrust and contempt for the police has long been rife in the Negro community. Complaints and rumors of brutality, whether valid or not, are being readily accepted as truthful by many Negroes, steadily increasing the tension in some areas.

Although many Negroes and Negro leaders view Thursday's violence as an act of "sabotage" against the King demonstration, their anger, however, is not directed at the militants, but at the police and the show of force which came afterward.

Who are the young militants, the black power leaders here?

Black power organizer Charles Cabbage, 23, is a will-of-the-wisp, a man in motion, half-glimpsed figure without an address, moving from phone booth to phone booth in an effort to unite militant Negroes.

Cabbage heads a local black power group, which reportedly calls itself "Black Organizing Project (BOP)."

Cabbage and other members of the black power group call themselves the Invaders and often wear jackets with the word across the backs. "Young black people want black power and they're going to get it," Cabbage said.

There are several units in the black power framework here. A small group at LeMoyne College reportedly uses the name Black Organizing Project, the same name used by the overall group. A group at Owen College calls itself the Afro-American Brotherhood. Neither group has been recognized by school authorities.

An organization at Memphis State University, the Black Student Association, is not considered a black power group. However, at least one of its leaders reportedly has been closely associated with black power leaders here.

The Invaders themselves deny violence was planned at Thursday's march. Actually, said one militant, "the trouble came from kids drinking orange rock wine (behind Clayborn Temple AME Church). There were at least four militant groups at work during the King march . . . and we pulled out ahead of the trouble."

Militant efforts, predictably, have been most successful with Negro youths.

Youths were eliminated at police request from downtown marches Friday and Saturday and both were peaceful. But participation in the marches by youths in the past had been actively solicited by ministers leading the strike sympathizers.

As the rift between the white and Negro communities widened in the past few days, militancy has been spreading. It has been reflected in burning rubbish in the night, firebombs tossed at business firms, the sound of breaking glass and barrages of bottles hurled through the air.

It was even present in as simple a thing as a white and Negro meeting on a street and not knowing whether to say "hello."

Aura Of Tension Slowly Subsides; Minister's Sermons Ask Restraint

Under a light but steady rain, Memphis had a quiet Sunday on which police reported only "minor situations" as an aftermath of last Thursday's downtown riot.

Although the day passed uneventful for the most part, contingents of the 4,000-man National Guard force called into the city continued to patrol streets.

Mayor Henry Loeb, noting the apparent calm, said last night he would "reevaluate the curfew and its status" this morning and make an announcement about noon.

Issues to be evaluated are whether to allow liquor stores to reopen, resumption of beer sales and ending the authorized questioning of persons on city streets between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Many ministers used the quiet Sunday to urge restraint and a return to peace in their weekly sermons.

At Christ Methodist Church, Dr. F. A. Flatt, superintendent of the Memphis-Shelby District of the Methodist Church, told the congregation:

"Too often symptoms are dealt with rather than the causes of problems."

He said the country's race problem, poverty and the Vietnam War are fevers suggesting something underneath — man's alienation from God. "When we bring man and God together, then we can solve these problems."

At First Baptist Church-Beale Street, the Rev. James A. Jordan joined hundreds of other Memphis clergymen, Negro and white, to pray to God for help. He said he would ask his congregation to join in a fast today for a return to peace.

At St. Paul's Catholic Church, the Rev. Edward Cleary, whose morning sermon blamed the riot on a Communist conspiracy, was interrupted by a young man who stood up near the pulpit and asked, "What about social justice?" Several ushers approached him and he left the church. Some members of the congregation applauded.

A protest strategy meeting last night, which drew four aides of Dr. Martin Luther King to the Department of Minimum Salary of the AME Church at 280 Hernando, promised to "escalate the demonstrations."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, acting as spokesman for Dr. King's aides, promised tightening of the economic boycott, establishment of a branch of the Southern Christian Leadrship Conference here, control of the black community and a merger with black power elements of the city.

The other three aides now in Memphis are Hosea Williams, the Rev. James Bevel and the Rev. James Orange. The strategy meeting was attended by

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union representatives P. J. Ciampa, Jesse Epps and William Lucy.

Also at the strategy meeting were leaders and representatives of the Invaders, local advocates of black power.

Dr. King said he would return to Memphis tomorrow to lead more marches. A spokesman for the local Community on the move for Equality organization said smaller downtown demonstrations would resume at 2 p.m. today "and continue daily."

Dr. King said the Memphis march forced him to cancel a planned trip to Nigeria where he said he was to attempt to negotiate a settlement between the Nigerian government and the breakaway nation of Biafra. "The situation in Memphis demands immediate action," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson said it was uncertain last night when Dr. King would actually lead the march.

Sanitation trucks collected garbage throughout the drizzle. A spokesman said 76 were on the streets yesterday.

Claude Armour, an assistant of Gov. Buford Ellington, said he thought yesterday's rain helped keep down incidents but was not a major factor. He said the National Guard and other law enforcement agencies "had been quite successful" in preserving order.

Asst. Police Chief W. E. Routt said the city was "relatively quiet" but would not attribute it directly to the weather.

Police reported 36 arrests yesterday connected with the curfew and unrest. Eleven of those were jailed for public drunkenness.

A Fire Department spokesman said the number of fire calls and false alarms slackened considerably but he had no total of the number of fire runs made. "It's not as busy as it was," he said.

Chief Routt said John Robert Perry, 42, dragged from an apartment early yesterday and arrested as a sniper, told police he was shooting in the air.

Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, director of the AME Church Department of Minimum Salary, said the body of Larry Payne, 16, will "lie in state" from 3 to 5 p.m. today and from 10 to 11 a.m. tomorrow at Clayborn Temple AME Church.

The youth was killed Thursday by Patrolman L. T. Jones, 25, who said young Payne threatened him with a knife when he tried to arrest the youth as a looter. The youth's death was the only one attributed directly to rioting.

The Rev. B. T. Dumas is to officiate at an 11 a.m. funeral for young Payne at the temple, tomorrow. Burial will be in New Park Cemetery.

The Tennessee Council on Human Relations yesterday asked the United States Commission on Civil Rights to conduct a public hearing to gather information about the Memphis rioting. The request was made by Baxton Bryant, director of the council.

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Negro Leaders Sifting Rubble For Answers

By JIMMIE COVINGTON

Most of the estimated 5,000 persons who took part in last Thursday's march, headed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., were not expecting trouble when they went downtown.

What happened?

A Negro postal employe who was at the march put it this way:

"The march was made up predominantly of the working class, church-going people, the average citizen. There were some outsiders there. I call them thugs. They caused the trouble."

The racial explosion left Beale Street in shambles, an estimated $400,000 worth of damage, one youth dead and after-shocks and tensions that will last for a long time.

As one observer put it, a majority of the persons who went to the march were persons who only put a white shirt and tie on on Sunday, but they put them on Thursday because they believed in the sanitation workers' cause and in Dr. King, a national civil rights symbol.

Others apparently came because they were coerced by threats. How widespread the coercion was is unclear. There were several reports of coercion, but those who were threatened often were afraid to complain.

Others came for trouble. The troublemakers have been estimated at perhaps 25 to 35 in the beginning, with the number growing to 200 to 300, most of them young persons.

That ministers who have headed the sanitation strike sympathizers and who planned Thursday's march lost control of the demonstration is perhaps indicative of their present leadership position in the Negro community.

They at present represent perhaps the strongest "organized leadership over the Negro civil rights movement here, having replaced the local NAACP chapter and Shelby County Democratic Club leaders, who claimed leadership for many years.

The ministers, who call themselves nonviolent but who often hint of violence in their pep talks to rallies, are in turn under pressure from young militants and black power supporters who demand violence.

The question of who will be

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the spokesmen for the Negro community may now be hanging in the balance, some observers say.

Many white leaders in the past have rejected any dealings with the more militant ministers who are now leading strike sympathizers. Some observers feel the white leaders may in the future find these ministers more acceptable to deal with than the militant black power advocates.

The observers say the long racial calm here perhaps lulled white civic leaders and officials into an attitude of "it can't happen here" despite protests from responsible Negro leaders that they would be undercut by black power advocates.

The Negro leaders have placed major emphasis here on job equality and the hiring and training of more Negroes, even to the point of hiring on a ratio basis.

After Thursday's riot, much of what is considered to be the city's civic leadership appeared at a loss to explain why the riot started or what must be done to get the city moving again toward racial harmony.

The riot and the strict clampdown by police, sheriff's deputies, state troopers and National Guardsmen has had a telling effect on the mood in the Negro community.

There are numerous examples of mature Negroes who came prepared to march nonviolently and were disillusioned as a result of the trouble that rocked the demonstration.

They include men such as Harold Whalum, 38, president of Union Protective Life Insurance Co. and vice chairman of the Urban League here, who said he was beaten and subjected to immobilizing gas after the demonstration.

"I had just brought some ladies and children into the office to get them off the street when a policeman pushed open the door and said, "You black . . . . . keep yourselves in there or we're going to shoot you full of holes," Mr. Whalum said.

He said he told the officer such language was unnecessary "and that's when he knocked me down. There was so much hatred in that fist of his that I believe I would be dead now if I'd said anything else."

A longtime practitioner of nonviolence, Mr. Whalum now says, "I feel like a fool."

There are other examples. The Rev. Pat Ellis, 23, is both a minister and a taxicab driver. He said he was jerked from his cab, cursed and beaten by policemen Friday night.

Ernest Anthony Baker, 24. of 932 Randle, a truck driver for a furniture firm, said he and a friend, Leonard Phillips, 22, of 755 Randle, were stopped, cursed and threatened by police near their homes Saturday while returning from visiting a relative. Mr. Baker spoke without bitterness.

There have been other complaints that Negroes have been mistreated under the 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew which has been imposed by Mayor Henry Loeb since Thursday.

Both the mayor and Fire and Police Director Frank Holloman declare the curfew is applied the same to whites and Negroes and that officers have been instructed to treat everyone fairly.

Distrust and contempt for the police has long been rife in the Negro community. Complaints and rumors of brutality, whether valid or not, are being readily accepted as truthful by many Negroes, steadily increasing the tension in some areas.

Although many Negroes and Negro leaders view Thursday's violence as an act of "sabotage" against the King demonstration, their anger, however, is not directed at the militants, but at the police and the show of force which came afterward.

Who are the young militants, the black power leaders here?

Black power organizer Charles Cabbage, 23, is a will-of-the-wisp, a man in motion, half-glimpsed figure without an address, moving from phone booth to phone booth in an effort to unite militant Negroes.

Cabbage heads a local black power group, which reportedly calls itself "Black Organizing Project (BOP)."

Cabbage and other members of the black power group call themselves the Invaders and often wear jackets with the word across the backs. "Young black people want black power and they're going to get it," Cabbage said.

There are several units in the black power framework here. A small group at LeMoyne College reportedly uses the name Black Organizing Project, the same name used by the overall group. A group at Owen College calls itself the Afro-American Brotherhood. Neither group has been recognized by school authorities.

An organization at Memphis State University, the Black Student Association, is not considered a black power group. However, at least one of its leaders reportedly has been closely associated with black power leaders here.

The Invaders themselves deny violence was planned at Thursday's march. Actually, said one militant, "the trouble came from kids drinking orange rock wine (behind Clayborn Temple AME Church). There were at least four militant groups at work during the King march . . . and we pulled out ahead of the trouble."

Militant efforts, predictably, have been most successful with Negro youths.

Youths were eliminated at police request from downtown marches Friday and Saturday and both were peaceful. But participation in the marches by youths in the past had been actively solicited by ministers leading the strike sympathizers.

As the rift between the white and Negro communities widened in the past few days, militancy has been spreading. It has been reflected in burning rubbish in the night, firebombs tossed at business firms, the sound of breaking glass and barrages of bottles hurled through the air.

It was even present in as simple a thing as a white and Negro meeting on a street and not knowing whether to say "hello."

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Moment Of Truth

IT WAS tragic. It was senseless. And, as City Councilman Fred Davis said amid the shambles of Beale Street yesterday, "It's a damn shame."

The shame is that it happened. It shouldn't have.

But it did, and it helps nothing and proves nothing to lament.

Memphis at this moment has to look to today and tomorrow to prevent this incident from escalating into a racial battle. The best way to do that is to maintain law and order, and to restore a sense of calm and thoughtfulness among citizens.

We walked through the glass-strewn streets, breathed the tear gas, and talked to the people yesterday — minutes after bands of young people had turned a "non-violent" protest march into chaotic violence. All we could find on the tongues of men was anger and fear.

Anger will not help any of us. It is negative and destructive. White or Negro, each of us is a Memphian who shares the love of the community, its needs, its goals.

The Memphis police had exercised restraint as the march led by Martin Luther King moved through the downtown section. They responded to the outbreak of violence with organized precision. Admittedly, individual officers may have over-reacted in specific instances, but the over-all performance was good, and what could have turned into a full-scale riot was nipped in the bud.

NOW COMES the time to think ahead. The garbage strike has become a secondary issue, principally because there were angry young people who wanted an incident in Memphis. Yet this is the time to end the sanitation strike, and that is a two-way street requiring honest negotiation and conciliation on both sides.

Deeper than that is the need to return to the atmosphere of fellowship which existed in Memphis until tempers became short within recent weeks. We cannot be a city divided. We cannot stop living together, working together, and building toward common goals.

Yesterday was no occasion for anyone to feel a sense of dignity or pride or manhood. People were hurt. Memphis was wounded.

What is worse about the violence is that so many of the innocent suffer.

But the anarchy which threatened yesterday was contained and stopped by the swift action of city police, sheriff's deputies, state troopers and National Guard and by ministers who tried to cool their followers. Memphis continues to have law and order. We can have no less.

SHAMEFUL it was! And the city remains tense. But control has been established, and we know who is agitating for more trouble and who is trying to restore calm.

In this moment of truth for Memphis, those who want to keep this a peaceful city are being counted.

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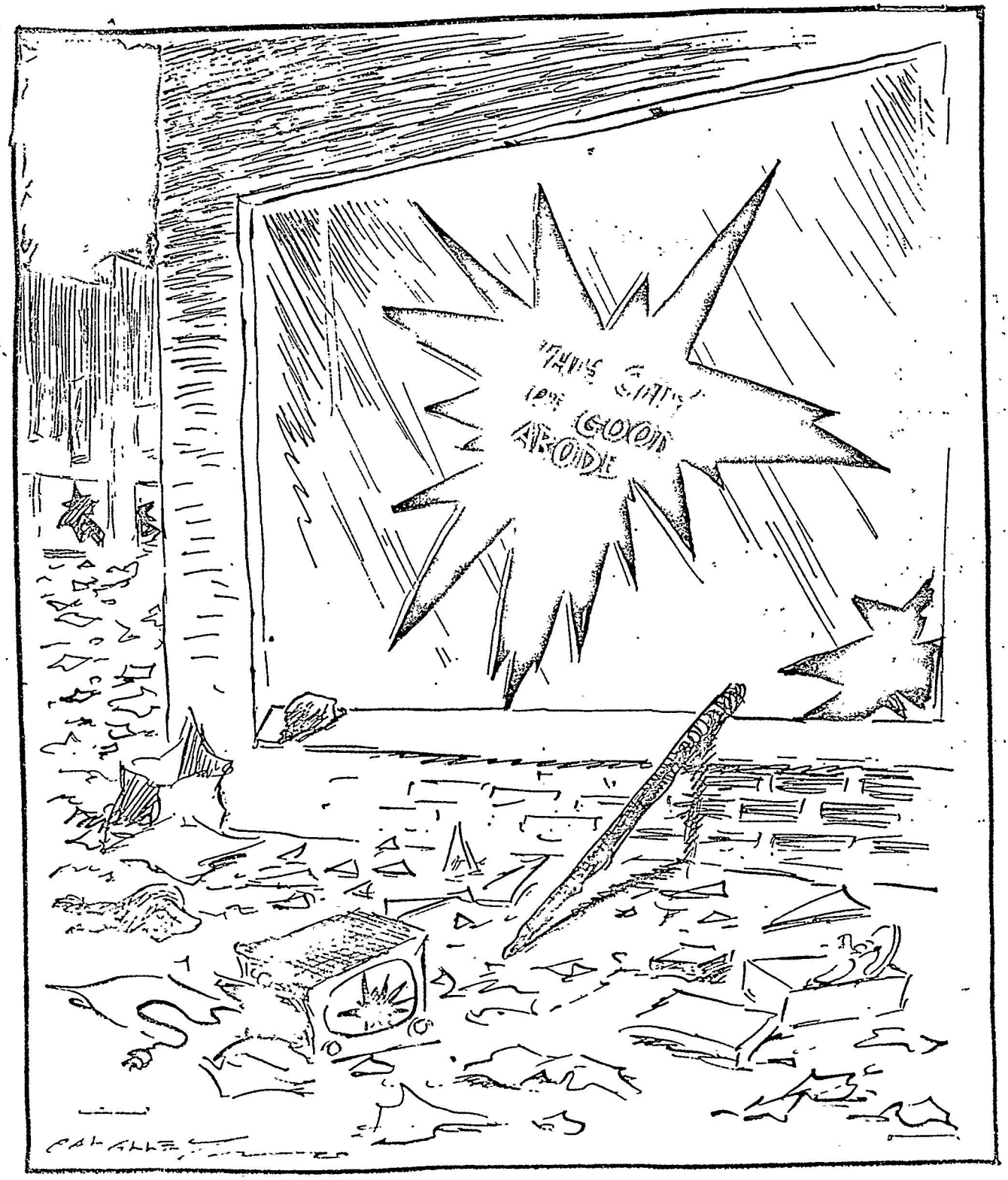

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'Too Nice For A Riot'—But It Came

In one of the long, ponderous lulls between the rages of violence, while people shuffled back and forth and were alternately exhorted to go home or to stay, someone commented that it was much too nice a day for a riot.

And then something would happen — a broken window, a thrown rock, a hurled curse.

"I wish this was a real live one, that's just what I wish," a man kept saying in a near shriek as he stomped a manikin that had been dragged from a store window.

Beale Street was blanketed by broken glass, the mutilated manikins that caught the first brunt of the bitterness of the youths who swept along its length in frenzied destruction.

At Handy Park, police cleared a gathering that was made up mostly of elderly Negroes who had gathered to watch the three-block long march.

An elderly Negro man was led from the park by a helmeted policeman with a gas mask on his face who told him: "This isn't the place for you older people — you oughta be home today."

Reporters who watched the flaring incidents that seemed to spread from Clayborn Temple told of leaders and police who each had their own way of trying to contain violence.

At one point police had agreed to move from the area temporarily while the Rev. R. L. Starks asked crowds of young people to move inside the church. Before the ministers were able to get all the youths inside a wedge of police and squad cars approached the corner of Hernando and Linden and were met by young Negroes throwing rocks and bottles.

Tear gas was fired and the youths crowded back toward the church. Periodically, youngsters would run from the building and throw rocks and bottles and then retreat back to the church or the AME Minimum Salary Department Building when more police arrived.

A pickup truck with the name of a service station on the side drove around the area of Beale and Hernando while a man who identified himself as Larry Seward told people in the area: "All marchers, young and old, go to the temple. You have hurt the cause. We don't want violence."

"We already had it," came the reply from a Negro passing by.

Nearby a bottle was thrown and a deputy sheriff, running, screamed: "Shoot the son of a bitch." A city policeman stopped his running, took him aside and in a solemn voice said, "You better cool down."

During one frenzied scene, a reporter told of "one little boy running through the crowd with tissue paper for those with running eyes and noses."

Inside the temple, the Rev. Mr. Starks told those who had gone there from the march: "All of you that are on our side, we are asking you to go home. Tonight we are asking you to go home and prepare for this weekend. There are many things you will need to do. I think the leadership was commendable this morning because if the leadership had not been effective we would have had a black page in the history of this city of Memphis that all of us would live to regret."

Two reporters were waiting outside a phone booth about a block north of Clayborn Temple when a large group of marchers decided to head back toward Beale. Police formed a line and began pushing them back. A young Negro jumped out from behind the booth with a rifle.

"A handful of police jumped the boy and got his rifle away," said one reporter. "They struck him several times with night sticks while the struggle for the gun was going on. He was carried off in a squad car."

And then quiet returned, except for the interruptions of sirens and the restless people.

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YOUTH IS SLAIN; SCORES INJURED

Juveniles Spark Violence, Looting As King Leads Strike March

Teams of police and National Guardsmen patrolled trouble spots over a major part of Memphis last night, as a stunned city counted one death, more than 200 arrests and scores of injuries in its first full-scale race riot.

More than 3,800 National Guard troops moved into the city yesterday afternoon and last night in the wake of rioting and looting that left Main Street and historic Beale Street littered with bricks, blood and broken glass. Police last night were unable to estimate the number of businesses looted. Liquor stores in predominantly Negro areas were favorite targets of the looters.

The rioting was touched off during a march down Main led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner was hustled away from the downtown scene as violence began to flare.

A tight curfew — probably the first in the city's history since the Civil War — was imposed by Mayor Henry Loeb. It authorized police to question anyone on the streets between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. and arrest anyone without "legitimate business or emergency reasons."

The riot toll last night was one dead — Larry Payne, 16, of 3023 Parker, shot by a policeman after he turned on the officer with a butcher knife. He was being chased on a looting charge.

At least 62 persons were injured—3 of them shot and one bus driver stabbed.

Negro leaders and Fire and Police Director Frank L. Holloman both emphasized that yesterday's march was an orderly one, and the trouble started when a group of about 200 youths — many of whom appeared to have been drinking — separated themselves from the main body of about 5,000 marchers, and went on a window-breaking, looting binge. Many of them were black power advocates, several wearing the jackets of the Invaders, a local black power group.

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At 9:[redacted]st night, sniper fire was reported from rooftops in the Handy Park area and on Walnut west of E. H. Crump Blvd. Police said about five shots were fired at a police officer near the park. All missed.

Fire Chief Eddie Hamilton said fire calls were coming in last night "so fast we haven't had time to count them." There were more than 125 fire calls between noon and 10 p.m., few of them major.

A hopeful attempt toward normalcy was planned for today. City schools, some of which closed early yesterday, will be open as usual. Bus service, which was suspended at 1:20 p.m. after the stabbing incident, is scheduled to resume. Garbage pickups were less certain, though tentatively scheduled to resume after discontinuing about noon yesterday.

Mr. Holloman told an emergency session of the City Council yesterday afternoon that the police stopped the march, "and the leaders disappeared." He called the rioting "general guerrilla warfare."

When his terminology was questioned, Mr. Holloman replied, "Yes, we have a war in the city of Memphis."

Three of his listeners, Councilmen James L. Netters, Fred Davis and Jerred Blanchard, had been on the front lines of the "war" earlier in the day. They had stayed in the streets for hours trying to quiet the situation. Mr. Davis was among the marchers downtown when the rioting broke out, and said he was punched in the side by an officer's night stick.

"I told them I was a councilman and a sheriff's deputy said, 'Well, Goddammit, move on,' and I moved. They raised their sticks to hit me, but they didn't."

One of the key state leaders rushed to Memphis along with high-ranking guardsmen was Claude A. Armour, Gov. Buford Ellington's special consultant on law and order and Memphis' former police commissioner.

"If the curfew does not work," Mr. Armour said, "the governor can declare a state of emergency. And it's just fantastic what that can do."

Yesterday's march, ostensibly a protest on behalf of the city's striking sanitation workers, was generally considered to be a "dress rehearsal" by Dr. King for his planned march on Washington April 22. At a press conference at the Holiday Inn-Rivermont yesterday afternoon, Dr. King promised another march this afternoon, but there was no indication whether he would lead it.

Mr. Holloman said last night he has made no decision on permitting another march.

The day of rioting began with outbursts at several high schools and college campuses, the most serious of which centered around Hamilton High School at 1478 Wilson. Police officers were showered with bricks and bottles, and two persons were reported hurt in the ensuing melee. There were other disturbance calls at South Side, Booker T. Washington, Carver, Lester and LeMoyne College.

Dr. King arrived at Memphis Metropolitan Airport at 10:30 a.m., and at Clayborn Temple at Hernando and Pontotoc, headquarters for the march, at 10:56. The march began at 11:05.

Fifteen minutes later, Beale Street was a battleground. Asst. Chief of Police Henry Lux reported on his radio that some of the marchers were breaking out windows, "tearing up everything and running in all directions" in the Beale-Main-Gayoso-Second area.

At 11:35 a.m., Mr. Holloman called Mayor Loeb to recommend that he request National Guard aid from Governor Ellington. "You call the governor, I'll call the National Guard," he told the mayor.

Mr. Holloman, Mr. Armour and Sheriff William N. Morris briefed the city councilmen on the day's events. The council called for another emergency session at 10 a.m. today.

"When we learned that over 22,000 school children were absent from school, we knew we were in for a long day," Mr. Armour said.

Explaining the necessity for troops, Sheriff Morris told the councilmen "No police force in the United States is capable

handling a major civil disaster alone."

The guard force was beefed up last night with the arrival of seven armored personnel carriers — tank-like vehicles used to move troops into an area under fire — from the guard armory at Henderson, Tennessee.

Commanding the guardsmen is Brig. Gen. Hugh B. Mott, a highly decorated (Distinguished Service Cross, World War II) officer and longtime city treasurer of Nashville.

Indications of trouble came before the marchers left the Clayborn Temple. The Rev. James Lawson of Centenary Methodist Church pleaded over and over for the younger Negroes to move to the end of the line but many remained on sidewalks, wandering about restlessly.

Rumors of police violence sent a charge of tension through the crowd.

Youths clambered aboard a loud speaker truck, yelling for transportation to Hamilton High School after rumor swept the crowd that police were clubbing and using antiriot liquid Mace on Negro school children.

"They killed a kid," said one young marcher.

The Rev. Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, director of the minimum salary department of the AME Church on Hernando, told the youths, "This is a job for men. What do you think you can do?"

The youngsters jumped off the truck.

Dr. King was plucked from the march by aides after the violence erupted. He marched with a grim face, his arms linked with ministers. He was trapped in his automobile for about 10 minutes by the crush of the unruly marchers who surged around his car at Linden and Hernando. Ministers with arms joined finally managed to clear space for him to get out.

More than 200 persons were arrested by police during the early rioting and looting. Reporters counted more than 105 plate glass windows smashed along Beale and Main.

Windows were smashed and young marchers began grabbing loot after an unidentified youth ran by the march at 11:30 a.m. yelling "The police have shot somebody on Main."

In a special session yesterday, the state legislature gave mayors the authority to proclaim a state of emergency for their cities for up to 15 days, to impose curfews and to restrict the sale of firearms, gasoline and liquor, including beer.

The legislature also made it a felony to interfere with a fireman, policeman, ambulance attendant or government official on duty during a riot. The penalty is up to five years in prison.

Governor Ellington earlier yesterday signed into law two other antiriot bills.

One gives him the same powers as a mayor during a riot and also allows him to use Civil Defense units during a riot (previously they could only be activated during a national emergency).

The other bill raised the minimum penalty for arson from 1 to 3 years in prison and from 1 to 15 years for looting.

Killed was Larry Payne, 16-year-old son of Mason Payne who lives at 3023 Parker.

Mr. Holloman said the youth was shot in self-defense by an officer, after looting the Sears, Roebuck and Co. store on South Third Street after he turned on police with a butcher knife. He was shot in the Fowler Homes housing project on South Fourth.

About 12:30 yesterday afternoon, Mr. Holloman said, the looting spread south along the South Third and Vance area.

Most injuries were cuts on heads, shoulders, and hands. Odell Horton, director of the division of hospitals and services, said many of those brought to emergency rooms were treated and released.

By 2 p.m., with sporadic shootings and spotty disturbances tying up every available policeman, Governor Ellington notified the 4,000 alerted guardsmen across West Tennessee to leave for Memphis. They were billeted in emergency quarters at the Fairgrounds and on the military side of Metropolitan Airport.

At the National Guard Armory on Central, a commanding officer told his men as they were fitted with black rubber gas masks: "How you conduct yourselves downtown will decide whether you're dead or you stay alive."

By nightfall, after long distance talks between the guard's command center at the armory on Central and Nashville, the governor alerted a second 8,000 guardsmen in Tennessee to form at armories in their home towns in case further need arises here.

One of the convoys arriving on Interstate 240 about 7 p.m. last night was escorted into the city. The convoy was five miles long.

Police threw tear gas grenades on the ground after screeching to a stop in front of the Main Street march in emergency wagons.

Faces turned red from exertion behind the plastic windows of the bright green masks worn by police as they chased looters down streets.

Officers ran into a hail of bricks, stones, bottles and sticks as they regrouped near Linden and Hernando. Several fired tear gas shells from stubby rifles.

Spent cartridges from the tear gas weapons littered the riot area along with strikers' signs dropped as panic struck the mob of people.

J. B. Griffin, manager of Federal Clothing Store on Main Street, said he was waiting with a cocked pistol when a marcher broke his display window and looted the contents. "He still took it (the clothing). I should have shot him but I thought about it and I didn't."

He said about $200 in merchandise was taken.

While cleanup workers were sweeping glass off sidewalks, Guy Lansky, co-owner of Lansky Clothing Store at Beale and South Second Street, lugged a case of soft drinks out to officers.

"Help yourself," he told the thirsty policemen.

Mr. Lansky estimated his stock loss at $1,000 and damage to plate glass windows at more than $700.

Father William Fennell of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Frayser, said a boy about 15 years old started the trouble by "throwing things and (breaking) a window with a stick."

"From what I saw," said Father Fennell, "all of the trouble came from youngsters who were not a part of the march."

Father Fennell was one of about 10 Catholic priests who joined the march. There were also 15 to 20 nuns. One of the nuns said they were not at the march to represent their schools — "we're here because we believe in this cause."

Jesse Turner, president of the Memphis chapter of the NAACP said:

"In spite of the brutal and inhuman treatment which many Negro citizens have received at the hands of our police department while attempting to enjoy their constitutional rights and while trying to preserve order, the Memphis branch of the NAACP urges all our people to remain calm and at home tonight during these difficult times.

"We further urge that we Negroes do not judge all law enforcement officers on the provocations by some of our policemen, just as we should not be judged by acts of violence and vandalism by a few hoodlums in the march."

Meanwhile, in Washington, Senator Howard H. Baker Jr. (R-Tenn.), said:

"I have just learned of the outbreak of violence in Memphis. On the basis of first reports it would appear that the situation was dealt with promptly and firmly.

"I fully support the efforts of local officials to prevent a recurrence of this incident and to maintain law and order."

The Memphis Guard unit is the Third Battalion, 115th Artillery, commanded by Lt. Col. James L. Brown.

Other National Guard troop units from West Tennessee brought to Memphis were:

The 239th Signal Battalion from Jackson; the Fourth Battalion of the 117th Infantry from Parsons, Henderson, Lexington and Savannah; the 230th Engineer Battalion from Martin, Dresden, Paris, Camden and Waverly; the Fourth Battalion of the 109th Armor Regiment from Trenton, Milan, McKenzie and Huntingdon;

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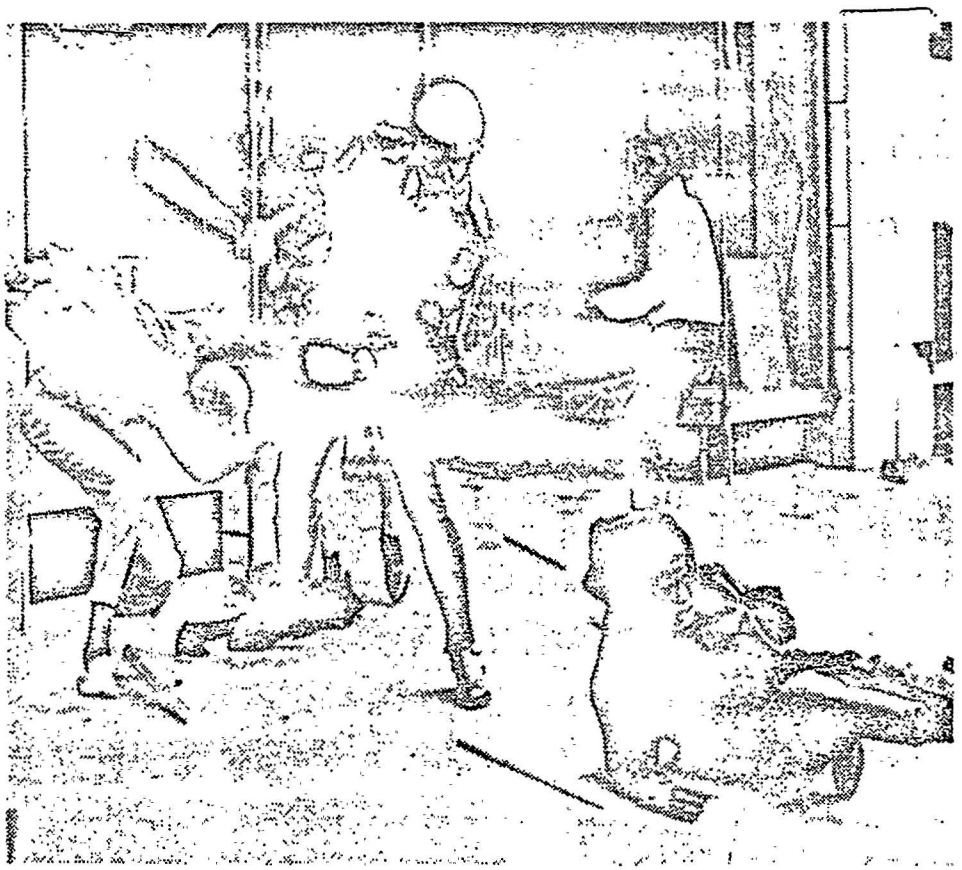

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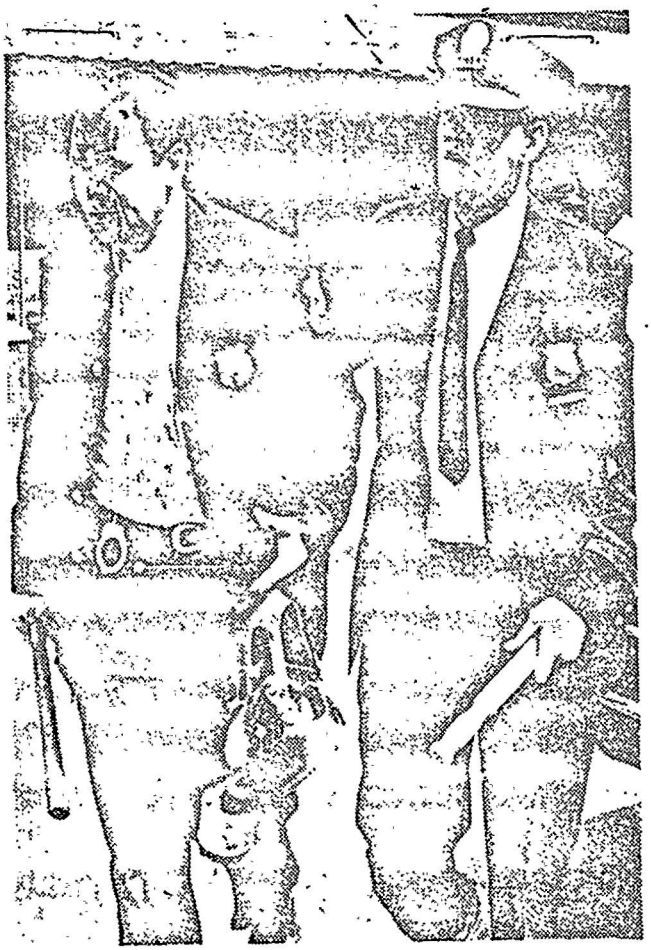

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Moment Of Truth

IT WAS tragic. It was senseless. And, as City Councilman Fred Davis said amid the shambles of Beale Street yesterday, "It's a damn shame."

The shame is that it happened. It shouldn't have.

But it did, and it helps nothing and proves nothing to lament.

Memphis at this moment has to look to today and tomorrow to prevent this incident from escalating into a racial battle. The best way to do that is to maintain law and order, and to restore a sense of calm and thoughtfulness among citizens.

We walked through the glass-strewn streets, breathed the tear gas, and talked to the people yesterday — minutes after bands of young people had turned a "non-violent" protest march into chaotic violence. All we could find on the tongues of men was anger and fear.

Anger will not help any of us. It is negative and destructive. White or Negro, each of us is a Memphian who shares the love of the community, its needs, its goals.

The Memphis police had exercised restraint as the march led by Martin Luther King moved through the downtown section. They responded to the outbreak of violence with organized precision. Admittedly, individual officers may have over-reacted in specific instances, but the over-all performance was good, and what could have turned into a full-scale riot was nipped in the bud.

NOW COMES the time to think ahead. The garbage strike has become a secondary issue, principally because there were angry young people who wanted an incident in Memphis. Yet this is the time to end the sanitation strike, and that is a two-way street requiring honest negotiation and conciliation on both sides.

Deeper than that is the need to return to the atmosphere of fellowship which existed in Memphis until tempers became short within recent weeks. We cannot be a city divided. We cannot stop living together, working together, and building toward common goals.

Yesterday was no occasion for anyone to feel a sense of dignity or pride or manhood. People were hurt. Memphis was wounded.

What is worse about the violence is that so many of the innocent suffer.

But the anarchy which threatened yesterday was contained and stopped by the swift action of city police, sheriff's deputies, state troopers and National Guard and by ministers who tried to cool their followers. Memphis continues to have law and order. We can have no less.

SHAMEFUL it was! And the city remains tense. But control has been established, and we know who is agitating for more trouble and who is trying to restore calm.

In this moment of truth for Memphis, those who want to keep this a peaceful city are being counted.

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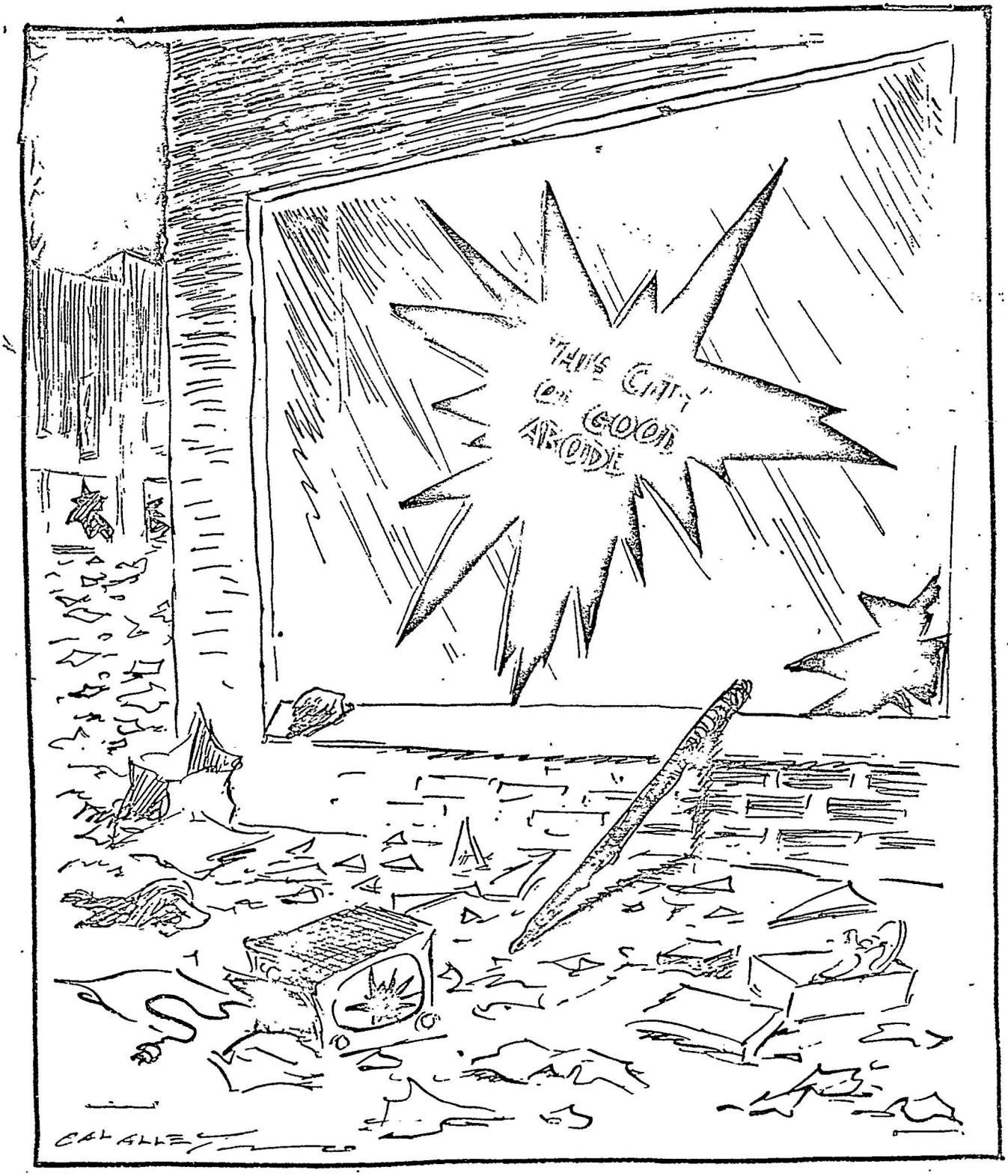

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'Too Nice For A Riot'—But It Came

In one of the long, ponderous lulls between the rages of violence, while people shuffled back and forth and were alternately exhorted to go home or to stay, someone commented that it was much too nice a day for a riot.

And then something would happen — a broken window, a thrown rock, a hurled curse.

"I wish this was a real live one, that's just what I wish," a man kept saying in a near shriek as he stomped a manikin that had been dragged from a store window.

Beale Street was blanketed by broken glass, the mutilated manikins that caught the first brunt of the bitterness of the youths who swept along its length in frenzied destruction.

At Handy Park, police cleared a gathering that was made up mostly of elderly Negroes who had gathered to watch the three-block long march.

An elderly Negro man was led from the park by a helmeted policeman with a gas mask on his face who told him: "This isn't the place for you older people — you oughta be home today."

Reporters who watched the flaring incidents that seemed to spread from Clayborn Temple told of leaders and police who each had their own way of trying to contain violence.

At one point police had agreed to move from the area temporarily while the Rev. R. L. Starks asked crowds of young people to move inside the church. Before the ministers were able to get all the youths inside a wedge of police and squad cars approached the corner of Hernando and Linden and were met by young Negroes throwing rocks and bottles.

Tear gas was fired and the youths crowded back toward the church. Periodically, youngsters would run from the building and throw rocks and bottles and then retreat back to the church or the AME Minimum Salary Department Building when more police arrived.

A pickup truck with the name of a service station on the side drove around the area of Beale and Hernando while a man who identified himself as Larry Seward told people in the area: "All marchers, young and old, go to the temple. You have hurt the cause. We don't want violence."

"We already had it," came the reply from a Negro passing by.

Nearby a bottle was thrown and a deputy sheriff, running, screamed: "Shoot the son of a bitch." A city policeman stopped his running, took him aside and in a solemn voice said, "You better cool down."

During one frenzied scene, a reporter told of "one little boy running through the crowd with tissue paper for those with running eyes and noses."

Inside the temple, the Rev. Mr. Starks told those who had gone there from the march: "All of you that are on our side, we are asking you to go home. Tonight we are asking you to go home and prepare for this weekend. There are many things you will need to do. I think the leadership was commendable this morning because if the leadership had not been effective we would have had a black page in the history of this city of Memphis that all of us would live to regret."

Two reporters were waiting outside a phone booth about a block north of Clayborn Temple when a large group of marchers decided to head back toward Beale. Police formed a line and began pushing them back. A young Negro jumped out from behind the booth with a rifle.

"A handful of police jumped the boy and got his rifle away," said one reporter. "They struck him several times with night sticks while the struggle for the gun was going on. He was carried off in a squad car."

And then quiet returned, except for the interruptions of sirens and the restless people.

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YOUTH IS SLAIN; SCORES INJURED

Juveniles Spark Violence, Looting As King Leads Strike March

Teams of police and National Guardsmen patrolled trouble spots over a major part of Memphis last night, as a stunned city counted one death, more than 200 arrests and scores of injuries in its first full-scale race riot.

More than 3,800 National Guard troops moved into the city yesterday afternoon and last night in the wake of rioting and looting that left Main Street and historic Beale Street littered with bricks, blood and broken glass. Police last night were unable to estimate the number of businesses looted. Liquor stores in predominantly Negro areas were favorite targets of the looters.

The rioting was touched off during a march down Main led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner was hustled away from the downtown scene as violence began to flare.

A tight curfew — probably the first in the city's history since the Civil War — was imposed by Mayor Henry Loeb. It authorized police to question anyone on the streets between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. and arrest anyone without "legitimate business or emergency reasons."

The riot toll last night was one dead — Larry Payne, 16, of 3023 Parker, shot by a policeman after he turned on the officer with a butcher knife. He was being chased on a looting charge.

At least 62 persons were injured—3 of them shot and one bus driver stabbed.

Negro leaders and Fire and Police Director Frank L. Holloman both emphasized that yesterday's march was an orderly one, and the trouble started when a group of about 200 youths — many of whom appeared to have been drinking — separated themselves from the main body of about 5,000 marchers, and went on a window-breaking, looting binge. Many of them were black power advocates, several wearing the jackets of the Invaders, a local black power group.

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Fire Chief Eddie Hamilton said fire calls were coming in last night "so fast we haven't had time to count them." There were more than 125 fire calls between noon and 10 p.m., few of them major.

A hopeful attempt toward normalcy was planned for today. City schools, some of which closed early yesterday, will be open as usual. Bus service, which was suspended at 1:20 p.m. after the stabbing incident, is scheduled to resume. Garbage pickups were less certain, though tentatively scheduled to resume after discontinuing about noon yesterday.

Mr. Holloman told an emergency session of the City Council yesterday afternoon that the police stopped the march, "and the leaders disappeared." He called the rioting "general guerrilla warfare."

When his terminology was questioned, Mr. Holloman replied, "Yes, we have a war in the city of Memphis."

Three of his listeners, Councilmen James L. Netters, Fred Davis and Jerred Blanchard, had been on the front lines of the "war" earlier in the day. They had stayed in the streets for hours trying to quiet the situation. Mr. Davis was among the marchers downtown when the rioting broke out, and said he was punched in the side by an officer's night stick.

"I told them I was a councilman and a sheriff's deputy said, 'Well, Goddammit, move on,' and I moved. They raised their sticks to hit me, but they didn't."

One of the key state leaders rushed to Memphis along with high-ranking guardsmen was Claude A. Armour, Gov. Buford Ellington's special consultant on law and order and Memphis' former police commissioner.

"If the curfew does not work," Mr. Armour said, "the governor can declare a state of emergency. And it's just fantastic what that can do."

Yesterday's march, ostensibly a protest on behalf of the city's striking sanitation workers, was generally considered to be a "dress rehearsal" by Dr. King for his planned march on Washington April 22. At a press conference at the Holiday Inn-Rivermont yesterday afternoon, Dr. King promised another march this afternoon, but there was no indication whether he would lead it.

Mr. Holloman said last night he has made no decision on permitting another march.

The day of rioting began with outbursts at several high schools and college campuses, the most serious of which centered around Hamilton High School at 1478 Wilson. Police officers were showered with bricks and bottles, and two persons were reported hurt in the ensuing melee. There were other disturbance calls at South Side, Booker T. Washington, Carver, Lester and LeMoyne College.

Dr. King arrived at Memphis Metropolitan Airport at 10:30 a.m., and at Clayborn Temple at Hernando and Pontotoc, headquarters for the march, at 10:56. The march began at 11:05.

Fifteen minutes later, Beale Street was a battleground. Asst. Chief of Police Henry Lux reported on his radio that some of the marchers were breaking out windows, "tearing up everything and running in all directions" in the Beale-Main-Gayoso-Second area.

At 11:35 a.m., Mr. Holloman called Mayor Loeb to recommend that he request National Guard aid from Governor Ellington. "You call the governor, I'll call the National Guard," he told the mayor.

Mr. Holloman, Mr. Armour and Sheriff William N. Morris briefed the city councilmen on the day's events. The council called for another emergency session at 10 a.m. today.

"When we learned that over 22,000 school children were absent from school, we knew we were in for a long day," Mr. Armour said.

Explaining the necessity for troops, Sheriff Morris told the councilmen "No police force in the United States is capable

handling a major civil disaster alone."

The guard force was beefed up last night with the arrival of seven armored personnel carriers — tank-like vehicles used to move troops into an area under fire — from the guard armory at Henderson, Tennessee.

Commanding the guardsmen is Brig. Gen. Hugh B. Mott, a highly decorated (Distinguished Service Cross, World War II) officer and longtime city treasurer of Nashville.

Indications of trouble came before the marchers left the Clayborn Temple. The Rev. James Lawson of Centenary Methodist Church pleaded over and over for the younger Negroes to move to the end of the line but many remained on sidewalks, wandering about restlessly.

Rumors of police violence sent a charge of tension through the crowd.

Youths clambered aboard a loud speaker truck, yelling for transportation to Hamilton High School after rumor swept the crowd that police were clubbing and using antiriot liquid Mace on Negro school children.

"They killed a kid," said one young marcher.

The Rev. Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, director of the minimum salary department of the AME Church on Hernando, told the youths, "This is a job for men. What do you think you can do?"

The youngsters jumped off the truck.

Dr. King was plucked from the march by aides after the violence erupted. He marched with a grim face, his arms linked with ministers. He was trapped in his automobile for about 10 minutes by the crush of the unruly marchers who surged around his car at Linden and Hernando. Ministers with arms joined finally managed to clear space for him to get out.

More than 200 persons were arrested by police during the early rioting and looting. Reporters counted more than 105 plate glass windows smashed along Beale and Main.

Windows were smashed and young marchers began grabbing loot after an unidentified youth ran by the march at 11:30 a.m. yelling "The police have shot somebody on Main."

In a special session yesterday, the state legislature gave mayors the authority to proclaim a state of emergency for their cities for up to 15 days, to impose curfews and to restrict the sale of firearms, gasoline and liquor, including beer.

The legislature also made it a felony to interfere with a fireman, policeman, ambulance attendant or government official on duty during a riot. The penalty is up to five years in prison.

Governor Ellington earlier yesterday signed into law two other antiriot bills.

One gives him the same powers as a mayor during a riot and also allows him to use Civil Defense units during a riot (previously they could only be activated during a national emergency).

The other bill raised the minimum penalty for arson from 1 to 3 years in prison and from 1 to 15 years for looting.

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About 12:30 yesterday afternoon, Mr. Holloman said, the looting spread south along the South Third and Vance area.

Most injuries were cuts on heads, shoulders, and hands. Odell Horton, director of the division of hospitals and services, said many of those brought to emergency rooms were treated and released.

By 2 p.m., with sporadic shootings and spotty disturbances tying up every available policeman, Governor Ellington notified the 4,000 alerted guardsmen across West Tennessee to leave for Memphis. They were billeted in emergency quarters at the Fairgrounds and on the military side of Metropolitan Airport.

At the National Guard Armory on Central, a commanding officer told his men as they were fitted with black rubber gas masks: "How you conduct yourselves downtown will decide whether you're dead or you stay alive."

By nightfall, after long distance talks between the guard's command center at the armory on Central and Nashville, the governor alerted a second 8,000 guardsmen in Tennessee to form at armories in their home towns in case further need arises here.

One of the convoys arriving on Interstate 240 about 7 p.m. last night was escorted into the city. The convoy was five miles long.

Police threw tear gas grenades on the ground after screeching to a stop in front of the Main Street march in emergency wagons.

Faces turned red from exertion behind the plastic windows of the bright green masks worn by police as they chased looters down streets.

Officers ran into a hail of bricks, stones, bottles and sticks as they regrouped near Linden and Hernando. Several fired tear gas shells from stubby rifles.

Spent cartridges from the tear gas weapons littered the riot area along with strikers' signs dropped as panic struck the mob of people.

J. B. Griffin, manager of Federal Clothing Store on Main Street, said he was waiting with a cocked pistol when a marcher broke his display window and looted the contents. "He still took it (the clothing). I should have shot him but I thought about it and I didn't."

He said about $200 in merchandise was taken.

While cleanup workers were sweeping glass off sidewalks, Guy Lansky, co-owner of Lansky Clothing Store at Beale and South Second Street, lugged a case of soft drinks out to officers.

"Help yourself," he told the thirsty policemen.

Mr. Lansky estimated his stock loss at $1,000 and damage to plate glass windows at more than $700.

Father William Fennell of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Frayser, said a boy about 15 years old started the trouble by "throwing things and (breaking) a window with a stick."

"From what I saw," said Father Fennell, "all of the trouble came from youngsters who were not a part of the march."

Father Fennell was one of about 10 Catholic priests who joined the march. There were also 15 to 20 nuns. One of the nuns said they were not at the march to represent their schools — "we're here because we believe in this cause."

Jesse Turner, president of the Memphis chapter of the NAACP said:

"In spite of the brutal and inhuman treatment which many Negro citizens have received at the hands of our police department while attempting to enjoy their constitutional rights and while trying to preserve order, the Memphis branch of the NAACP urges all our people to remain calm and at home tonight during these difficult times.

"We further urge that we Negroes do not judge all law enforcement officers on the provocations by some of our policemen, just as we should not be judged by acts of violence and vandalism by a few hoodlums in the march."

Meanwhile, in Washington, Senator Howard H. Baker Jr. (R-Tenn.), said:

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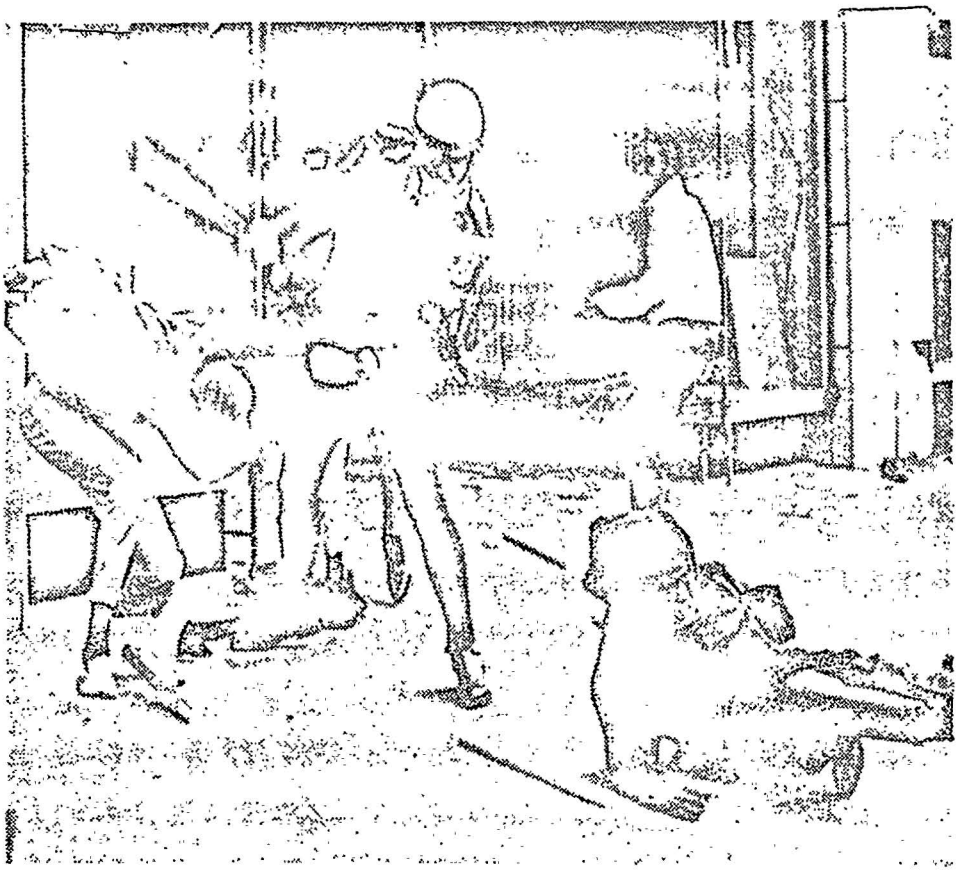

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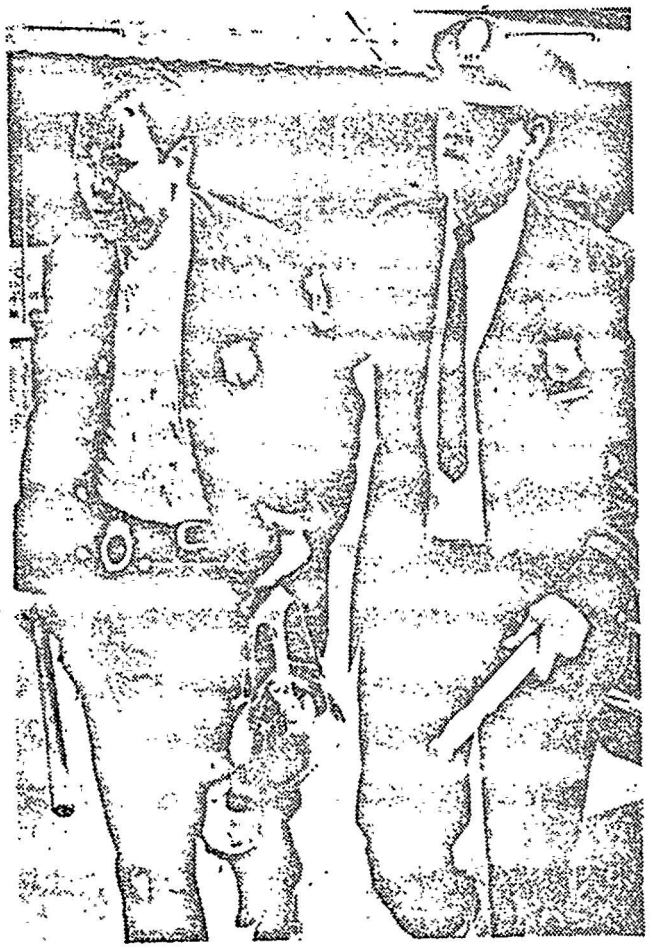

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Page E2402. Congressman Rarick, (D) Louisiana, placed in the Record an article from the March 30 issue of Human Events entitled "Senator To Support District of Columbia March: Kennedy and King Form Political Alliance" written by Paul Scott. Mr. Rarick stated "When several of the Nation's wealthiest men, backed by finances from tax-free foundations, team up under the emotion-packed front of helping poor people—it is time the poor people wake up to the inescapable conclusion they are being used as mere foot soldiers to give a public image of popular support for anti-American goals and promises."

Page E2435. Congressman Ashbrook, (R) Ohio, extended his remarks concerning the riot in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated "once again Dr. Martin Luther King has pulled the trigger while someone else held the gun. - - - - All Americans, and especially residents of the Washington area, must wonder if an ordeal such as just occurred in Memphis is now facing this area." Mr. Ashbrook included an article from the Washington Evening Star entitled "Memphis: King Marchers Riot, Youths Loot Stores" and a short statement detailing plans for King's Washington protest entitled "Dr. King Promises Housing For March of Poor People." Mr. Ashbrook stated "I have written to the Secretary of the Interior inquiring whether King has requested use of the Mall or other Federal lands, and on what considerations the request will be granted or denied. I will make the answer public as soon as I receive it."

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Page E2402. Congressman Rarick, (D) Louisiana, placed in the Record an article from the March 30 issue of Human Events entitled "Senator To Support District of Columbia March: Kennedy and King Form Political Alliance" written by Paul Scott. Mr. Rarick stated "When several of the Nation's wealthiest men, backed by finances from tax-free foundations, team up under the emotion-packed front of helping poor people—it is time the poor people wake up to the inescapable conclusion they are being used as mere foot soldiers to give a public image of popular support for anti-American goals and promises."

Page E2435. Congressman Ashbrook, (R) Ohio, extended his remarks concerning the riot in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated "once again Dr. Martin Luther King has pulled the trigger while someone else held the gun. - - - - All Americans, and especially residents of the Washington area, must wonder if an ordeal such as just occurred in Memphis is now facing this area." Mr. Ashbrook included an article from the Washington Evening Star entitled "Memphis: King Marchers Riot, Youths Loot Stores" and a short statement detailing plans for King's Washington protest entitled "Dr. King Promises Housing For March of Poor People." Mr. Ashbrook stated "I have written to the Secretary of the Interior inquiring whether King has requested use of the Mall or other Federal lands, and on what considerations the request will be granted or denied. I will make the answer public as soon as I receive it."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau subject matter files.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS ATLANTA
MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395)

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 28, 1968

FROM : Mr. G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: SANITATION WORKERS' STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RACIAL MATTER

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ASAC Halter advised that the above is the only information available at the time and that he would keep the Bureau currently advised of developments.

ACTION:

The above information has been furnished to the Inter-Division Information Unit and the military. This matter will be followed closely.

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RE: SANITATION WORKERS' STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428) DATE: 3/26/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1980) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Los Angeles airtel and LHM dated 3/19/68.

Submitted herewith are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

The sources mentioned in the LHM are identified as: Intelligence Section, Los Angeles Police Department; Intelligence Section, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office; and pertinent informants and racial sources in the Los Angeles Office. These individuals have a standing request to furnish this office at once any information that they might receive pertaining to this project.

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report by weekly communication per Bureau instructions.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Los Angeles, California
March 26, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has publicly announced that he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capitol during April, 1968 in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

Sources who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the week of March 19, 1968 - March 25, 1968, that they had no information concerning the participation by individuals from the Los Angeles area in the Washington Spring Project.

The attached pages set forth more detailed data relative to this project.

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ENCLOSURE

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Reporting office	Los Angeles
Names of individuals recruiting in the district	None
Address of headquarters	None
Known number of individuals recruited to date	None
Known names of individuals recruited	None
Estimated number of individuals recruited	None
Number of buses and other commercial type of transportation chartered and capacity	None
Number of private cars to participate	None
Identity of driver, make, model, and license number of cars to participate	None
Route cars scheduled to use	Not applicable
Area buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D. C.	Not applicable
Address demonstrators are to report to upon arrival	Not applicable

Remarks:

The "Herald Examiner", a daily newspaper published in Los Angeles, California, in its issue of March 19, 1968, carried an article which indicated that the organizers of "Dr. King's Poor People's Campaign" stated that Dr. King plans to build a

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slowly intensifying confrontation between the Federal Government and a minimum of 3,000 poor people. Tactics will mainly be sit-ins and marches which will be put into play over a period of weeks and not all at once. As of April 22, 1968, Dr. King and up to 100 other civil rights and Negro community leaders from around the country will start visiting congressional leaders, heads of Government departments and agencies,"presenting to them the demands of the campaign and asking them to take action. Several days later, after nothing has been done, they will probably pick one office and refuse to leave. When they are arrested, the poor people across the country will be mobilized and begin to come in caravans."

The article indicated that well before the April 22nd starting date, work was expected to start on a "New City of Hope" with tents or temporary buildings set up on a 30 acre site and supplied with electricity, sewer lines, an outdoor theater, kitchens and parking.

The article indicated that if still nothing is done by the Federal Government, then acts of "moral disobedience" will begin.

The "People's World" issue of March 23, 1968, carried an article which indicated that Dr. King spoke before 150 Negro church leaders at the Elks Club on Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California on March 16, 1968. Dr. King urged the ministers to begin now to organize for mass outpourings of people from their congregations to join the demonstration.

The "People's World" is a West Coast communist newspaper which is published weekly in San Francisco, California.

The same issue of the "People's World" also carried an article which indicated that the massive demonstration in Washington beginning on April 22, 1968, will be a "black-brown thing". This was disclosed at the California Democratic Council Convention which was held in Anaheim, California on the weekend of March 16 - 17, 1968, by Dr. Martin Luther King, the initiator of the Washington demonstration and Rodolfo (Corky) Gonzales,

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Mexican-American leader from Denver, Colorado. Gonzales was among some ten leaders from major Spanish speaking communities who met with Dr. King and his staff in Atlanta, Georgia on March 7, 1968 to participate in planning the Washington demonstration. With Gonzales, militant leader of the Crusade for Justice and editor of "El Gallo" were: Reies Tijerina, leader of the Alianza land grant movement centered in New Mexico; Abed Lopez, of the Chicago Latin American Defense Organization, which is composed of a militant group of Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans; Angel Gutierrez, a leader of the San Antonio, Texas bario; and Bert Corona, California State Chairman of the Mexican-American Political Association. The article also indicated that representatives were present at this meeting from the Bishop's Committee for the Spanish Speaking, and Mexican-American and Puerto Rican leaders from Ohio, Michigan and Illinois.

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Sources who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the week of March 19, 1968 - March 25, 1968, that they had no information concerning the participation by individuals from the Los Angeles area in the Washington Spring Project.

The attached pages set forth more detailed data relative to this project.

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Reporting office	Los Angeles
Names of individuals recruiting in the district	None
Address of headquarters	None
Known number of individuals recruited to date	None
Known names of individuals recruited	None
Estimated number of individuals recruited	None
Number of buses and other commercial type of transportation chartered and capacity	None
Number of private cars to participate	None
Identity of driver, make, model, and license number of cars to participate	None
Route cars scheduled to use	Not applicable
Area buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Wasnington, D. C.	Not applicable
Address demonstrators are to report to upon arrival	Not applicable

Remarks:

The "Herald Examiner", a daily newspaper published in Los Angeles, California, in its issue of March 19, 1968, carried an article which indicated that the organizers of "Dr. King's Poor People's Campaign" stated that Dr. King plans to build a

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slowly intensifying confrontation between the Federal Government and a minimum of 3,000 poor people. Tactics will mainly be sit-ins and marches which will be put into play over a period of weeks and not all at once. As of April 22, 1968, Dr. King and up to 100 other civil rights and Negro community leaders from around the country will start visiting congressional leaders, heads of Government departments and agencies,"presenting to them the demands of the campaign and asking them to take action. Several days later, after nothing has been done, they will probably pick one office and refuse to leave. When they are arrested, the poor people across the country will be mobilized and begin to come in caravans."

The article indicated that well before the April 22nd starting date, work was expected to start on a "New City of Hope" with tents or temporary buildings set up on a 30 acre site and supplied with electricity, sewer lines, an outdoor theater, kitchens and parking.

The article indicated that if still nothing is done by the Federal Government, then acts of "moral disobedience" will begin.

The "People's World" issue of March 23, 1968, carried an article which indicated that Dr. King spoke before 150 Negro church leaders at the Elks Club on Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California on March 16, 1968. Dr. King urged the ministers to begin now to organize for mass outpourings of people from their congregations to join the demonstration.

The "People's World" is a West Coast communist newspaper which is published weekly in San Francisco, California.

The same issue of the "People's World" also carried an article which indicated that the massive demonstration in Washington beginning on April 22, 1968, will be a "black-brown thing". This was disclosed at the California Democratic Council Convention which was held in Anaheim, California on the weekend of March 16 - 17, 1968, by Dr. Martin Luther King, the initiator of the Washington demonstration and Rodolfo (Corky) Gonzales,

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Mexican-American leader from Denver, Colorado. Gonzales was among some ten leaders from major Spanish speaking communities who met with Dr. King and his staff in Atlanta, Georgia on March 7, 1968 to participate in planning the Washington demonstration. With Gonzales, militant leader of the Crusade for Justice and editor of "El Gallo" were: Reies Tijerina, leader of the Alianza land grant movement centered in New Mexico; Abed Lopez, of the Chicago Latin American Defense Organization, which is composed of a militant group of Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans; Angel Gutierrez, a leader of the San Antonio, Texas bario; and Bert Corona, California State Chairman of the Mexican-American Political Association. The article also indicated that representatives were present at this meeting from the Bishop's Committee for the Spanish Speaking, and Mexican-American and Puerto Rican leaders from Ohio, Michigan and Illinois.

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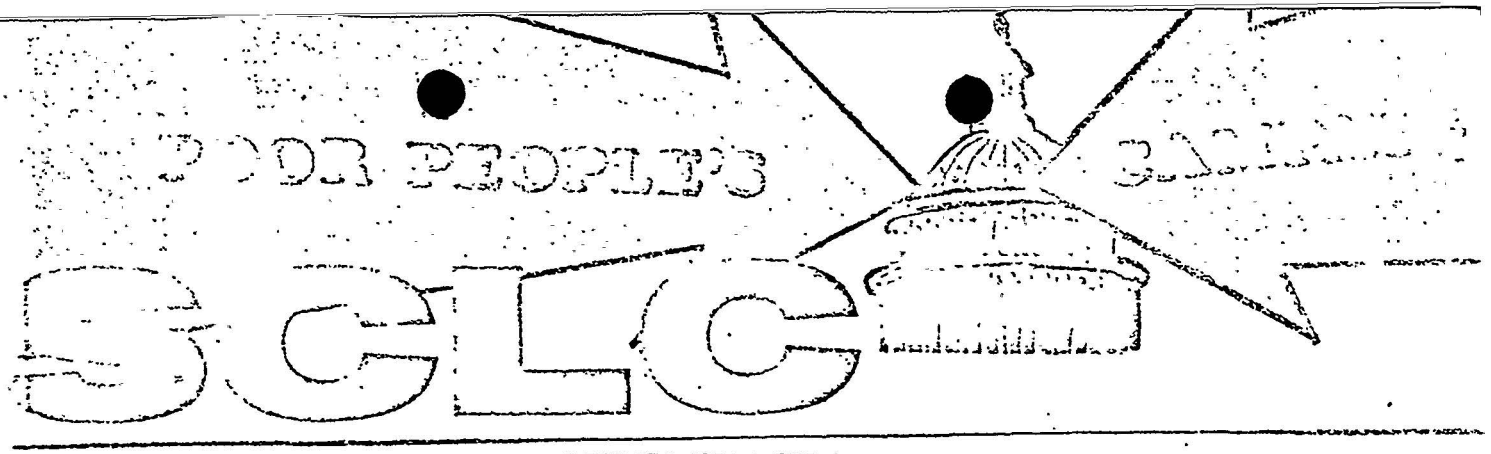

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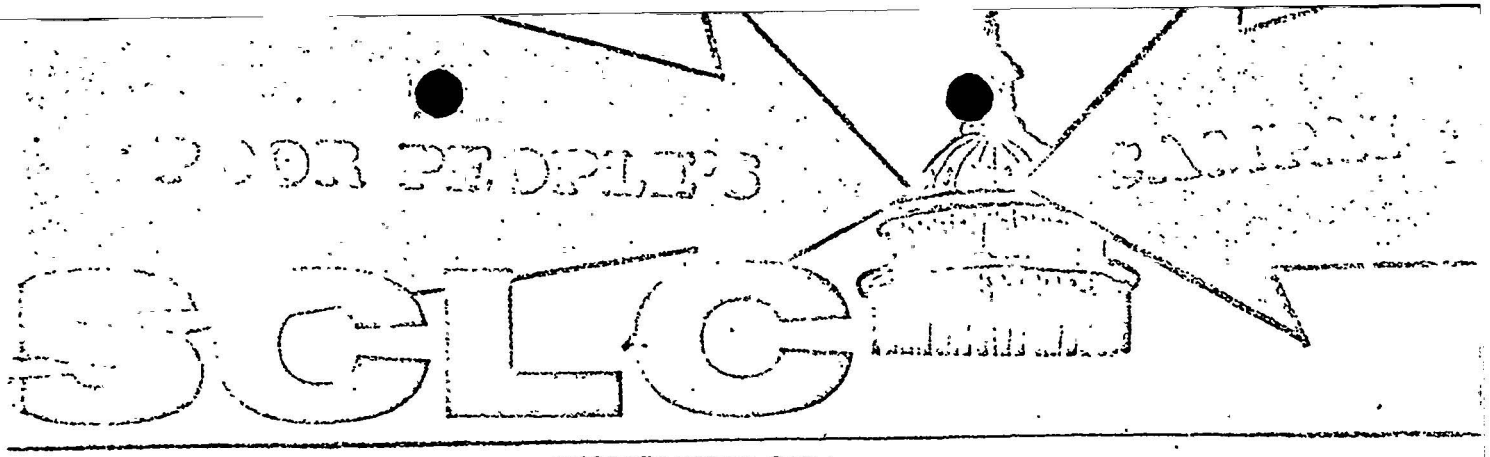

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., president, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capitol the first week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

On March 25, 1968, MARION H. McBRIDE, director, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), Raleigh, North Carolina, stated that on March 20, 1968, a reliable source advised his bureau that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING was coming to the State of North Carolina on April 4, 1968. This source advised that Reverend KING would arrive at the Greensboro-High Point Airport at 9 A.M. He would then proceed to Thomasville, North Carolina and have a joint meeting with his followers from the Thomasville and High Point area.

After leaving Thomasville, he is to proceed to Greensboro, North Carolina, for a meeting with a group there. From Greensboro, he will proceed to Durham, North Carolina and then to the Raleigh area. From Raleigh, he will go to Rocky Mount, then to Elizabeth City. From Elizabeth City he is to go to Edenton, Windsor and Williamston, North Carolina.

At the present time he has on his schedule a visit to New Bern, however, some of the leaders in New Bern are at odds and this meeting may be canceled. From New Bern he is supposed to go to Lumberton and confer with a group of Indians. From Lumberton he will proceed to Wilmington, North Carolina and make a speech at the Williston High School in Wilmington.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This trip by the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING is to organize support for the poor people campaign to be held in Washington, D. C., on April 27, 1968.

If the New Bern meeting is canceled by Reverend KING or the leadership there, KING will schedule a visit to Charlotte, North Carolina, on this same date.

The March 26, 1968 edition of "The Charlotte Observer", a daily Charlotte, North Carolina, newspaper, contained a story which stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING and organized labor will support Dr. REGINALD A. HAWKINS, a Negro dentist from Charlotte, North Carolina, in his quest for the governorship of North Carolina. The story further relates HAWKINS and GOLDEN FRINKS, regional representative of the SCLC, announced Monday, March 25, 1968, that KING would make a one day tour of this state on April 4, 1968. He is scheduled to land in Charlotte around 9 A.M. and then visit Durham, Greensboro, Rocky Mount and possibly New Bern before ending the trip with a dinner speech in Wilmington. FRINKS further stated in the newspaper article that if time permits, KING will visit Greenville, a slum area in Charlotte, before leaving for a ministers' conference.

Golden Frinks

KING is then scheduled to have lunch in one of Durham's poverty areas and then, FRINKS said, hold a "mock trial of the power structure" as poor people bring in grievances on welfare and housing.

Frinks

KING is also scheduled to participate in a "Voter Registration march" at the election office in Rocky Mount and then go to Wilmington for a speech at the Williston High School auditorium.

The attached page sets forth more detailed data relative to the Washington Spring Project.

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Known Number of Individuals Recruited to Date:

At a March 5, 1968, interview, FRINKS maintained he had recruited 155 individuals.

Known Names of Individuals Recruited:

No individuals have been identified.

Estimated Number of Individuals Recruited:

See known number above.

Number of Busses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity:

At a March 5, 1968, interview, FRINKS advised that the means of transportation has not yet been worked out.

Number of Private Cars to Participate:

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
BUFILE 157-8428

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
BUFILE 100-106670

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 3/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies and for Atlanta are four (4) copies of LHM re captioned matter.

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CHARLOTTE:

AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Will follow and report.

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(3 - 157-8428)
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4 - Atlanta (2 - 157-2924) (RM)
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586) (KING)
5 - Charlotte (2 - 157-5541) (WSP)
(1 - 100-10173) (SCLC)
(1 - 157-2149) (HAWKINS)
(1 - 157-5267) (FRINKS)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Charlotte, North Carolina
March 26, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., president, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capitol the first week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

On March 25, 1968, MARION H. McBRIDE, director, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), Raleigh, North Carolina, stated that on March 20, 1968, a reliable source advised his bureau that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING was coming to the State of North Carolina on April 4, 1968. This source advised that Reverend KING would arrive at the Greensboro-High Point Airport at 9 A.M. He would then proceed to Thomasville, North Carolina and have a joint meeting with his followers from the Thomasville and High Point area.

After leaving Thomasville, he is to proceed to Greensboro, North Carolina, for a meeting with a group there. From Greensboro, he will proceed to Durham, North Carolina and then to the Raleigh area. From Raleigh, he will go to Rocky Mount, then to Elizabeth City. From Elizabeth City he is to go to Edenton, Windsor and Williamston, North Carolina.

At the present time he has on his schedule a visit to New Bern, however, some of the leaders in New Bern are at odds and this meeting may be canceled. From New Bern he is supposed to go to Lumberton and confer with a group of Indians. From Lumberton he will proceed to Wilmington, North Carolina and make a speech at the Williston High School in Wilmington.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This trip by the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING is to organize support for the poor people campaign to be held in Washington, D. C., on April 27, 1968.

If the New Bern meeting is canceled by Reverend KING or the leadership there, KING will schedule a visit to Charlotte, North Carolina, on this same date.

The March 26, 1968 edition of "The Charlotte Observer", a daily Charlotte, North Carolina, newspaper, contained a story which stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING and organized labor will support Dr. REGINALD A. HAWKINS, a Negro dentist from Charlotte, North Carolina, in his quest for the governorship of North Carolina. The story further relates HAWKINS and GOLDEN FRINKS, regional representative of the SCLC, announced Monday, March 25, 1968, that KING would make a one day tour of this state on April 4, 1968. He is scheduled to land in Charlotte around 9 A.M. and then visit Durham, Greensboro, Rocky Mount and possibly New Bern before ending the trip with a dinner speech in Wilmington. FRINKS further stated in the newspaper article that if time permits, KING will visit Greenville, a slum area in Charlotte, before leaving for a ministers' conference.

KING is then scheduled to have lunch in one of Durham's poverty areas and then, FRINKS said, hold a "mock trial of the power structure" as poor people bring in grievances on welfare and housing.

KING is also scheduled to participate in a "Voter Registration march" at the election office in Rocky Mount and then go to Wilmington for a speech at the Williston High School auditorium.

The attached page sets forth more detailed data relative to the Washington Spring Project.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reporting Office:

Charlotte, North Carolina

Names of Individuals Recruiting in North Carolina:

GOLDEN ASRO FRINKS

Address of Headquarters:

122 West Peterson Street
Edenton, North Carolina
(FRINKS' residence)

Credit Union Building
405 Braod Street
Edenton, North Carolina
(FRINKS' office)

Known Number of Individuals Recruited to Date:

At a March 5, 1968, interview, FRINKS maintained he had recruited 155 individuals.

Known Names of Individuals Recruited:

No individuals have been identified.

Estimated Number of Individuals Recruited:

See known number above.

Number of Busses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity:

At a March 5, 1968, interview, FRINKS advised that the means of transportation has not yet been worked out.

Number of Private Cars to Participate:

Unknown

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164) (P)

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(1-157-1395) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)

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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~OSI~~, OSI; SEC. SER: ~~[illegible]~~: [illegible], CRD, RAO IDIA
DATE FORW: 3/29/68
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BY: [illegible]

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D.C. 20535
March 25, 1968

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-1092)(P)

SUBJECT: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RM
~~RACIAL MATTERS~~

Re Memphis LHM and airtel 3/21/68.

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Copies of LHM are being furnished to Regional Office of Military Intelligence; to U. S. Attorney, Memphis; and to U. S. Secret Service, Memphis.

The representative of Army Intelligence who was advised of information contained in LHM is WILLIAM BRAY, 111th Military Intelligence Group, Third Army, Memphis, Tennessee.

157-9146-104

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MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will continue to follow and report pertinent activity in instant matter.

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Memphis, Tennessee
March 22, 1968

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Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8424)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2543) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: WFO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum concerning the appearance of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and Rev. HOSEA WILLIAMS at Greensboro, and Marion, Alabama, on the evening of 3/20/68. Copies of this letterhead memorandum are also being furnished Atlanta, Birmingham and WFO, plus intelligence agencies.

SA ROBERT L. FRY, Selma, Alabama, obtained the information from Sheriff BENJAMIN KIZZIA, Greensboro, Alabama, and Chief of Police ED HANCOCK, Marion, Alabama, on 3/20/67.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

3/22/68

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

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Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama
March 22, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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FBI

Date: 3/22/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2543) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: WFO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum concerning the appearance of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and Rev. HOSEA WILLIAMS at Greensboro, and Marion, Alabama, on the evening of 3/20/68. Copies of this letterhead memorandum are also being furnished Atlanta, Birmingham and WFO, plus intelligence agencies.

SA ROBERT L. FRY, Selma, Alabama, obtained the information from Sheriff BENJAMIN KIZZIA, Greensboro, Alabama, and Chief of Police ED HANCOCK, Marion, Alabama, on 3/20/67.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Washington, D. C. 20220

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FBI

Date: 3/21/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-2007)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Bishop

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 3/21/68

FROM : G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing current plans of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and his aides relative to the "Washington Spring Project."

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" or the "Poor People's Campaign" in April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

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RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secretary of Commerce Smith; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force; and the General Administration Services.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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FROM : G. C. Moore

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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing current plans of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and his aides relative to the "Washington Spring Project."

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" or the "Poor People's Campaign" in April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

King and key members of his staff toured Mississippi on March 19 and 20, 1968, attempting to generate interest and obtain support for his project. Hosea Williams, an aide to King, advised on March 20, 1968, that SCLC had completed a strategy meeting and the starting date of April 22, 1968, for the "Washington Spring Project" has been canceled. According to Williams, King and his top leaders of SCLC will go to Washington, D. C., either April 23 or 24, 1968, and contact Congressional leaders, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Commerce. In an effort to obtain assurances that legislation favorable to the Negro will be passed, on April 27 or 28, 1968, the people recruited for this campaign will leave their various areas and arrive at two staging areas, one in Baltimore, Maryland, and the other in Alexandria, Virginia. SCLC expects to have a total of 3000 people who will march on Washington and stay for

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King has expressed disappointment over the lack of enthusiasm and small donationshe has received in the two days in Mississippi. He only obtained a total of $1000 after speaking at eight rallies and there appeared to be few volunteers available to go to Washington. Listed below is King's schedule he will follow in an effort to stimulate interest and enthusiasm for the project.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Attached for ready reference are a copy of my memorandum of January 24, 1968, recommending the above dissemination of this information together with a copy of the memorandum dated January 25, 1968. The information quoted above appears as the last paragraph of page two of the January 25 memorandum.

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This information was disseminated to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture, Freeman; Secretary of Labor, Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General, Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson, as well as to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force, and the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department by memorandum dated January 25, 1968.

This information was set forth in the above memorandum as follows:

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Attached for ready reference are a copy of my memorandum of January 24, 1968, recommending the above dissemination of this information together with a copy of the memorandum dated January 25, 1968. The information quoted above appears as the last paragraph of page two of the January 25 memorandum.

ACTION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop

MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

January 24, 1968

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/5/68

Attached refers to advisors and associates of the late Martin Luther King, in New York, who are planning to go to Atlanta and Memphis, in light of the assassination of King. They are reconsidering joining the 4/8/68 march in Memphis, in support of sanitation workers there and the poor peoples march King had planned for Washington, D. C. during April, 1968.

Atlanta has been advised. Memphis and WFO will be advised.

Pertinent parts of the attached have been furnished to the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department.

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[redacted] URGENT 4-3-68 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092) 2P

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., ~~RM~~ Racial Matter

RE ME TEL APRIL TWO SIXTYEIGHT

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF APRIL TWO ACTIVITIES.

LT. E. H. ARKIN, MEMPHIS PD, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU ADVISED APRIL TWO, LAST THAT LARRY PAYNE'S BODY WAS INTERRED FOLLOWING FUNERAL WITH ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

ARKIN ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY SIXTY SANITATION WORKERS MARCHED DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS AFTERNOON OF APRIL TWO , LAST. NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS REPORTED.

EASTERN AIRLINES ADVISED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ALONG WITH RALPH D. ABERNATHY, BERNARD LEE, AND ANDREW M. YOUNG SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ME., TEN FIFTEEN AM APRIL THREE, FROM ATLANTA.

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A SOURCE ADVISED THAT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLAYBORN TEMPLE APRIL TWO, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT NIGHTLY MASS STRIKE SUPPORT MEETINGS WILL BE RESUMED NIGHT OF APRIL THREE, NEXT WITH KING AS THE FEATURED SPEAKER. MASS MARCH TO BE HELD FRIDAY, APRIL FIVE, NEXT AND ALLEGEDLY WILL INCLUDE CHILDREN.

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Included in letter to White House and Attorney General. Date 4-3-68

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LT. ARKIN ADVISED MEMPHIS CITY OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING SEEKING A COURT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING ANY MASS MARCH LED BY KING OR AN INJUNCTION SPECIFYING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A MARCH COULD TAKE PLACE.

CAPTAIN J. G. RAY, MEMPHIS PD, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU ADVISED LATE PM APRIL TWO, LAST THAT ONLY MINOR INCIDENTS OF BRICK THROWING AND SMALL GATHERINGS OF INDIVIDUALS REPORTED. RAY ADVISED NO MAJOR DISTURBANCES OR ANY UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE REPORTED IN LATE PM APRIL TWO, LAST OR EARLY AM APRIL THREE, INSTANT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM MEMPHIS 157-1092 2P

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

REPRESENTATIVES OF EASTERN AIRLINES ADVISED REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND SCLC STAFF MEMBERS DOROTHY COTTON, ANDREW J. YOUNG, BERNARD LEE AND RALPH D. ABERNATHY ARRIVED MEMPHIS FROM ATLANTA, GA. NO RETURN OR OUTGOING RESERVATIONS FOR ANY OF ABOVE KNOWN AT THIS TIME. 100-106670

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A SOURCE ADVISED THAT STRATEGY MEETING HELD NIGHT APRIL TWO LAST ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE FOR EQUALITY (COME), THE MINISTERIAL GROUP IN MEMPHIS SUPPORTING SANITATION STRIKE, BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SCLC, SPOKESMAN FOR WHICH WAS HOSEA WILLIAMS, AND BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF COUNTY, STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, SPOKESMEN BEING WILLIAM LUCY AND JESSE EPPS, FIELD REPRESENTATIVES THEREOF. AT THIS STRATEGY MEETING, THE MASS MARCH ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL FIVE NEXT TO BE LED BY KING WAS RE-SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL EIGHT, REASON BEING THAT UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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FEEL THAT STRIKE HAS BECOME A RACIAL ISSUE AND THAT THERE IS DEFINITE NEED FOR A MORE UNIFIED SUPPORT BY UNION PEOPLE ASSUMING MORE ACTIVE ROLES IN STRATEGY AND DECISION. EPPS IS ARRANGING THROUGH UNKNOWN UNION OFFICIALS TO BRING TWO CHARTERED PLANE LOADS OF "UNION PEOPLE," MANY OF WHOM WILL BE OF WHITE RACE, FROM NEW YORK CITY AREA DUE TO ARRIVE MEMPHIS SOMETIME APRIL SEVEN NEXT, AND THAT EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO PLACE AS MANY WHITES AS POSSIBLE IN THE FRONT OF THE MASS MARCH. SOURCE ONE ADDED KING SCHEDULED TO HAVE STRATEGY MEETING WITH ABOVE GROUP AT NOON APRIL THREE AND TO DELIVER ADDRESS AT MASS SUPPORT RALLY MASON TEMPLE, NIGHT APRIL THREE.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, WILL THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCES INCLUDING AIRPORT OFFICIALS DETERMINE SPECIFICS OF GROUP OR GROUPS WHICH MAY BE LEAVING NEW YORK AREA TO COME TO MEMPHIS TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS MARCH AND RELATED STRIKE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. ADVISE MEMPHIS AND BUREAU OF POSITIVE INFORMATION BY TELETYPE. AIRMAIL COPY TO ATLANTA.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 (CODED)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, OO - ATLANTA.

SOURCE

[redacted] (INFORMATION TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET") ADVISED APRIL FOUR SIXTY EIGHT, THAT ON THAT NIGHT STANLEY LEVISON AND HARRY WACHTEL, ON LEARNING OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, INITIALLY DECIDED TO GET FLIGHT RESERVATIONS TO MEMPHIS FOR SIX PERSONS. THESE RESERVATIONS INTENDED FOR WACHTEL AND HIS WIFE, LEVISON, CLARENCE JONES, HARRY BELAFONTE, AND POSSIBLY BAYARD RUSTIN. DURING COURSE OF THEIR CONVERSTIONS, WACHTEL MENTIONED HE WAS CALLED BY RUSTIN WHO HAD BEEN

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DE-INDEXED LEVISON AND BELAFONTE IN THIS SERIAL ON 12-3-70, #84. HIS SERIALS SI TO C-106670-3239

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Supr. John Kerry, NY called 3:50 AM 4/5/68 and advised of correction to one 6, p. 2 - Mode. Also advised separate tels. being sent Memphis UFO on this on 4/5/68

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CALLED BY JIM LAWSON (IN MEMPHIS) AND SAID THEY ARE TRYING TO GET ALL TYPES OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS DOWN THERE (MEMPHIS) TO KEEP THINGS FROM BREAKING WIDE OPEN. LEVISON FELT HE AND WACHTEL SHOULD GO TO MEMPHIS SO THEY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO PERPLEXING QUESTIONS WHICH THE (SCLC) STAFF WILL BE FACED WITH. LEVISON EXPLAINED THAT HE MEANT ~~WHEN~~ SOULD THEY GO ON "THIS MARCH" (MEMPHIS MARCH SCHEDULED FOR APRIL EIGHT) AND " THE WASHINGTON THING" (KING'S POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN)? LEVISON SAID HE THINKS "WE'VE GOT TO BE ANGRY". HE ADDED THAT YOUNG IS PROBABLY THINKING THERE ARE MANY NEGROES WHO ARE GOING TO GET HYSTERICAL AND GO OUT AND GET THEMSELVES SHOT. LATER, LEVISON AND HARRY BELAFONTE AGREED TO FLY TO ATLANTA, NOT MEMPHIS, AT ELEVEN THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE AND LET WACHTEL AND OTHERS WORRY ABOUT THEMSELVES.

ATLANTA TELEPHONICALLY, ADVISED.

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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RM

ReATtel to Bureau 4/2/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies, for Chicago two, and for Memphis two, of LHM.

Source referred to is Source

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Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is Source
Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are Source and Source

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Source

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by [redacted]. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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Atlanta, Georgia
April 2, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
RACIAL MATTER

On April 1, 1968, a confidential source advised that as of that date Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); Jesse Jackson, Northern Director, Project Breadbasket, SCLC; James Bevel, SCLC Executive staff member; and James Orange, SCLC Field Representative, were in Memphis, Tennessee, for the purpose of re-organizing striking Sanitation Workers in that city along the lines of SCLC's philosophy of nonviolence.

The aforementioned SCLC officials expected Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, and Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC, to arrive in Memphis on April 2, 1968. In the near future, (date not known), Reverend King intended to lead a nonviolent demonstration of the Memphis Sanitation Workers.

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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JAMES BEVEL

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BEVEL, in early March, 1966 was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side W.E.B. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCC). Discussion took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent Hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that every thinking American should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
April 2, 1968

Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies, for Chicago two, for Memphis two, for New York three, and for WFO two, of LHM.

Source referred to is [redacted] Source

Source utilized to characterize JAMES BEVEL is [redacted] Source
Source utilized to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is [redacted] Source
Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is [redacted] Source
Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are [redacted] Source
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The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by [redacted]. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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Atlanta, Georgia
April 2, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On April 1, 1968, a confidential source advised he understood that following the racial disturbance which occurred in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 28, 1968, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) called a meeting of several SCLC Executive officers which was held March 30, 1968, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta. Among those attending this meeting were James Bevel, SCLC Executive Staff member; Jesse Jackson, Northern Director, Project Breadbasket, SCLC; Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC; and Stanley Levison.

Reverend King arranged this meeting for the purpose of reviewing the recent disturbance in Memphis and evaluating the effect thereof upon SCLC's contemplated Washington Spring Project (WSP). Reverend King opened this meeting by again stressing to those present how greatly concerned he was as to the effect of the Memphis disturbance on his image as a civil rights leader and the position of SCLC as a leading civil rights organization. This entire matter apparently upset Reverend King to the extent he found it desirable to excuse himself from this meeting shortly after its commencement. Source was unable to advise whether Reverend King returned to the meeting.

This meeting lasted most of the day and concluded with a decision on the part of those present that SCLC officials would immediately return to Memphis, re-organize the striking Sanitation

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Workers in that community particularly along the lines of nonviolence and subsequently conduct a peaceful demonstration in that community. Having accomplished this SCLC will have shown to the nation it can conduct a peaceful demonstration and therefore the way should be clear for it to proceed with its WSP.

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JAMES BEVEL

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BEVEL, in early March, 1967 was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side I.W.K. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCG). Discussions took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent determination that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that many thinking Americans should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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Reference Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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4-2-68 URGENT

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA

MARTINE LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

ON EVENING OF APRIL ONE LAST AT [redacted] ADVISED HE HAD LEARNED THAT HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC; JESSE JACKSON, NORTHERN DIRECTOR, PROJECT BREADBASKET, SCLC; JAMES BEVEL, SCLC STAFF MEMBER AND JAMES ORGANGE, SCLC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, WERE CURRENTLY IN MEMPHIS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT, SCLC, AND RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC, CONTEMPLATED DEPARTING ATLANTA APRIL TWO INSTANT VIA AIR EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS. DETAILS RE TRAVEL OF KING NOT AVAILABLE BUT INFORMANT GAINED IMPRESSION HE AND ABERNATHY WOULD DEPART DURING LATE MORNING. DURATION OF KING'S STAY IN MEMPHIS NOT KNOWN BUT SCLC "ACTION COMMITTEE" MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MEMPHIS APRIL THREE NEXT.

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KING AND SCLC ARE DETERMINED TO LEAD ANOTHER MARCH IN MEMPHIS WHICH WILL BE NONVIOLENT IN ORDER TO PROVE TO NATION THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. DATE OF MARCH NOT KNOWN BUT SOURCE PRESUMED IT WOULD NOT BE UNITL AFTER

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APRIL THREE NEXT MEETING. HOSEA WILLIAMS IN CHARGE OF CURRENT EFFORTS IN MEMPHIS "REORGANIZE" SANITATION WORKERS IN ORDER THAT ENSUING MARCH WILL BE PEACEFUL.

ABOVE INFORMATION TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

INFORMATION FROM SOURCE [redacted] CONFIDENTIAL.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 AND MEMPHIS (CODE)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGECE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585 1P

SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C. OO - ATLANTA

SOURCE

[redacted] (A SOURCE WHOSE INFORMATION IS TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET") ADVISED THAT STANLEY LEVISON STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF MEETING IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA ON MARCH THIRTY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL RETURN TO MEMPHIS ON TUESDAY (APRIL TWO, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT) AND THAT THERE WILL BE A BIG MARCH ON FRIDAY (APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT).

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
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D. Dunne

Re New York teletype 3/29/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] Source on 3/29/68, concerning a discussion between STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., on KING's reaction to the violence that followed KING's leading of a march in downtown Memphis on 3/28/68. It also contains information from [redacted] Source on 3/31/68, concerning LEVISON's comments on an Atlanta meeting on 3/30/68.

The source used to characterize STANELY LEVISON is [redacted] Source

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An information copy of this LHM is being sent to Memphis because it indicates KING is returning to Memphis for another march.

This LHM is classified "SECRET" because it contains information from [redacted] Source a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "SECRET" because it contains a concentration of information from [redacted] Source in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on March 29, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, Jr. discussed the position which King has found himself in as a result of the violence that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 28, 1968, at the time when King led a march through downtown Memphis. King told Levison that he feels they have to face the fact that, from a public relations point of view and every other way, "we are in serious trouble". He referred to the Washington D.C. Spring campaign, known as the Poor People's Campaign, and said as far as it is concerned it is in trouble. King noted that it will be much more difficult to recruit people for the Washington campaign now because they (the Southern Christian Leadership Conference)(SCLC) are recruiting non-violent people and these people will hold back if they think they will be in a campaign that is going to be taken over by violent elements. King stated that this is not a failure for the SCLC because it has enough of a program to affirm its position but that it is a personal setback for himself.

King continued that persons such as Roy Wilkens (Head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and Adam Clayton Powell, and Negroes who are influenced by the press, will now feel that he, King, is finished, that his non-violence is nothing, that no one is listening to it. King reiterated that they have had a great public relations setback as far as his image and leadership are concerned.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Levison attempted to dissuade King from this point of view stating that it would be true only if King accepts "their" definition. He added that he felt it is a profound error King is making.

King noted that he did not accept it himself but that others will. Levison retorted that people would accept it for a few days, but, if events prove otherwise, will not accept it.

King noted that events will not prove otherwise unless they think soberly through this period. He said that somehow he had to reaffirm what the press will refuse to affirm. He referred to the Memphis incident stating that they all know it was just a few people who were involved. He added that it was a failure of the leadership in Memphis. King informed Levison that persons who were responsible for the violence came to see him on the morning of March 29, 1968. He said these persons were fighting the leadership in Memphis, the men who ignored and neglected them, the men who would not give them any attention, who ordered their telephones cut off. King added that he had no knowledge of all this, that the persons responsible for the violence were too sick to see that what they were doing during the violence was hurting him, King, more than it could hurt the local preachers.

King related that he was so upset and shocked over the Memphis violence that he was going to announce a personal fast as a means of appealing to the Memphis leadership, as well as those who participated in the violence, to come to him in a united front to take up the "cudget" and get on with the movement. He said he felt this kind of spiritual move would be a way of unifying the movement, of transforming a minus into a plus. He added that he feels their Washington campaign is doomed.

Levison attempted to convince King that his reasoning was not correct. Levison said he was concerned over the "trap" King was placing non-violence in because King was saying that he must have 100% adherence to non-violence which is an impossibility.

King commented that they could not get 100% adherence but that they must face the fact that a riot broke out in the ranks of the march, that "these fellows", in the line of march, would

jump out, do something, and then come back to hide within the group. King said he is a symbol of non-violence and that the press is not going to say what Levison said. He said the symbol will be weakened and it will put many Negroes in doubt. He said he must do something that is a powerful act to unify forces and refute the press.

Levison stated that if it had this result he would agree but that he is bothered by the idea that King would be accepting the logic of the press that if King can control 99%, and not the 1% who are violent, he is a failure. He said they must find a way in which they do not accept this otherwise King will never be able to do anything unless he always spiritually reaches a level where he hypnotizes every Negro alive.

King questioned how he could say that they can control the planned demonstrations in Washington,D.C. and at the same time conclude they are going to have 1% violence.

Levison counseled that King can say that he can control his followers and is not undertaking to control everybody else. He said King could take the position that his followers are non-violent and will do what they must do.

They agreed to discuss the matter in depth at a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia in King's church office on the morning of March 30, 1968.

The same source advised on March 31, 1968, that on that date Stanley Levison commented on the meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 30, 1968. Levison's comments included the following:

At the Atlanta meeting they examined the whole Memphis incident and came up with a new approach. "We are going back to Memphis. We are going to prove that you can have mass action in the streets". Martin Luther King had decided not to go back to Memphis and not to go to Washington (for the Poor People's Campaign). It was the determination of the (SCLC) staff that

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

changed King's thinking. King is going back to Memphis on Tuesday (April 2, 1968) and there will be a big march on Friday (April 5, 1968). The Memphis incident was caused by "a handful of kids" and it could have been controlled by "our guys" (the SCLC) had they been there.

He, Levison, made the point that they could not let "a couple of kids" keep "mass action" from being their weapon.

As for controlling the Washington, D.C. demonstrations, King knows he can control the youth. What has to be done is go to the high schools and tell them what the establishment wants them to do. Once they grasp this there is no chance of anything happening. What they (the SCLC) are afraid of in Washington is a double cross from Stokley Carmichael and the answer to that is that "our job" (the SCLC") is not to stop violence but to be non-violent themselves. "Our position" is that "we" are going to go on because to be able to march inthe streets is "our most important tool" and are not going on the streets because it may start violence. "Why do we have to be afraid of riots. It is their problem not ours".

The Atlanta meeting was good because it shows how much militancy there is in the SCLC.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), in July, 1963.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092)

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM. RACIAL MATTERS

REFERENCE MEMPHIS TELETYPES

RE ME TELS MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.

ON APRIL ONE INSTANT, INSPECTOR G. P. TIMES, INSPECTIONAL BUREAU, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE STAFF CURRENTLY IN MEMPHIS REGISTERED AT LORRAINE MOTEL: R.B. COTTONREADER, JAMES ORANGE, REV. JESSE JACKSON AND JAMES L. BEVEL. ALSO REGISTERED IN THIS MOTEL OVER WEEKEND OF MARCH THIRTY AND THIRTYONE WERE CHARLES L. CABBAGE, JOHN BURRELL SMITH AND CHARLES STEVEN BALLARD, ALL OF WHOM HAVE AS RECENTLY AS FEBRUARY SIXTEEN LAST ADMITTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF FBI BEING ON GOVERNING BODY OF BLACK ORGANIZING POWER (BOP) AND OVERALL BLACK POWER GROUP IN MEMPHIS WHICH THEY SAY IS AFFILIATED WITH STUDENT NON VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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TIMES ADDED THAT AT TWO THIRTY P.M. APRIL ONE INSTANT, APPROXIMATELY FOUR FIVE ZERO SUPPORTERS OF MEMPHIS SANITATION STRIKE CARRYING PLACARDS MARCHED FROM CLAYBORN TEMPLE SINGLE FILE TO MAIN STREET AND CITY HALL, MEMPHIS, THEREAFTER RETURNING TO TEMPLE. THERE

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WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO ARRESTS.

A SOURCE ADVISED THAT HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTERS REGISTRATION, SCLC; JAMES L. BEVEL IN CHARGE OF SCLC "NON VIOLENT ACTION"; JESSE JACKSON, DIRECTOR OF "OPERATION REDBASKET", SCLC; J.T. JOHNSON, THE MISSISSIPPI ORGANIZER OF THE SCLC, "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT"; JAMES ORANGE AND R.B. COTTONREADER, BOTH FIELD STAFF MEMBERS SCLC HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE, MEMPHIS APRIL ONE INSTANT IN THE COMPANY OF REV. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, JR., REPRESENTING COMMUNITY ON MOVE FOR EQUALITY (COME), THE MEMPHIS MINISTERIAL GROUP LEADING STRIKE. FIELD REPRESENTATIVES OF STRIKING AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE ALONG WITH CHARLES CABBAGE OF BOP. WILLIAMS STATED THAT REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WOULD ARRIVE IN MEMPHIS APRIL TWO NEXT, TIME NOT SPECIFIED, BUT SCLC WOULD CONDUCT DAILY MARCHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN MEMPHIS, THAT A MASS MARCH WOULD BE HELD APRIL FIVE NEXT TO BE LEAD BY KING AND THAT KING WOULD POSSIBLY REMAIN IN MEMPHIS UNTIL APRIL FIVE NEXT. JAMES ORANGE WILL INSTITUTE A SERIES OF SCLC "WORK SHOPS" IN VARIOUS CHURCHES. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE STRIKE ACTIVITY IN MEMPHIS WILL BE ESCALATED. JESSE JACKSON STATED THAT ALL MEMPHIS NEGROES WILL BE IMPLORED TO TRANSFER BANK ACCOUNTS AND INSURANCE ACCOUNTS FROM WHITE INSTITUTIONS TO BLACK INSTITUTIONS AND THAT SCLC

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WILL ORGANIZE NEGRO BUSINESSES TO TAKE OVER ALL NEGRO BUSINESS IN COMMUNITY AND THAT THESE GROUPS WILL "HAVE TH SHAPE UP OR SHIP OUT". WILLIAMS DENIED SCLC IS ATTEMPTING TO "TAKE OVER" MEMPHIS, CLAIMED SCLC HERE AT INVITATION OF COME AND IS MERELY SERVING AS A CATALYST AND IT IS "HERE TO UNITE BLACK POWER".

JAMES L. BEVEL STATED SCLC IN MEMPHIS TO SERVE AS A POLITICAL PSYCHIATRIST AND THAT SCLC SEES MEMPHIS MAYOR HENRY LOEB AS A "SICK INDIVIDUAL". HE CLAIMED THAT WHITE RACISM RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PROBLEMS IN MEMPHIS. HE CLAIMED THE CITY TRIES TO SETTLE PORBLEMS WITH THE ARMY AND TANKS WHEN THE REAL PROBLEM IS POVERTY AND THAT THE ARMY IS CALLED IN WHEN NEGROES LOOT WHEREAS THE WHITE RACE HAS BEEN STEALING FROM THE NEGROES ECONOMICALLY FOR CENTURIES. BEVEL CONCLUDED "WE UNEQUIVOCALLY BELIEVE IN AND ADVOCATE BLACK POWER".

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/30/68

Attached relates to attitudes of Martin Luther King towards the disturbance in Memphis, Tennessee, 3/28/68 and his future activities. Stanley Levison mentioned in the attached is principal advisor to King and reported in past as secret member of Communist Party.

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, and interested divisions of Department.

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FBI NEW YORK

[redacted] URGENT 3-30-68 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 AND ATLANTA (CODE)

ATLANTA VIA WASHINGTON

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JUNIOR; SECURITY MATTER-COMMUNIST

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SOURCE [redacted] (INFORMATION TO BE CLASSIFIED SECRET) ADVISED MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, MARTIN LUTHER KING TOLD STANLEY LEVISON THEY MUST FACE FACT THAT FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS POINT OF VIEW, THEY ARE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE, AND THAT WASHINGTON, DC CAMPAIGN IS IN TROUBLE. KING SAID WILL BE DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT PEOPLE NOW. REFERRING TO MEMPHIS INCIDENT, KING SAID IT IS GREAT PERSONAL SET-BACK FOR HIM, A GREAT PUBLIC RELATIONS SET-BACK AS FAR AS HIS IMAGE AND LEADERSHIP ARE CONCERNED. KING SAID HE CONSIDERED ANNOUNCING PERSONAL FAST AS APPEAL TO MEMPHIS LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN VIOLENCE, AS A WAY OF UNIFYING

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THE MOVEMENT. KING SAID HE FEELS WASHINGTON CAMPAIGN IS DOOMED. LEVISON SAID HE COULD NOT DISAGREE WITH KING MORE AND ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE HIM THAT HE COULD NOT EXPECT TO GET ONE HUNDRED PER CENT ADHERENCE, THAT KING SHOULD NOT ACCEPT LOGIC OF PRESS THAT IF HE CAN CONTROL NINETY NINE PER CENT AND NOT ONE PER CENT, HE IS A FAILURE LEVISON SAID KING'S POSITION SHOULD BE THAT KING CAN CONTROL HIS FOLLOWERS WHO ARE NON-VIOLENT. THEY AGREED TO DISCUSS MATTER IN DEPTH AT ATLANTA MEETING MARCH THIRTY.

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Date: 3/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
BuFile 100-106670
ATfile 100-5586

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
BuFile 157-8428
ATfile 157-2924

AGENCY: ACSI, ~~CSI~~, OSI; SEC. SER: ~~[illegible]~~ ISD [illegible]D, RAO TDT [illegible]
DATE FORM: 4/3/68
HOW FORW: RIS
BY: [illegible]

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 3/28/68 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C; SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM".

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies, for Memphis three, and for WFO two, of LHM.

Source referred to is SOURCE [redacted]

SOURCE Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is [redacted]. Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are [redacted] and [redacted] SOURCE

SOURCE [redacted]

4- Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
(3 - 100-106670)
(1 - 157-8428)
3- Memphis (Enc. 3) (RM)
2- WFO (Enc. 2) (RM)
7- Atlanta
(1 - 100-5586)
(1 - 157-2924)
(1 - 100-5718)
(1 - 170-290A)
(1 - 157-257) (RALPH ABERNATHY)
(1 - 157-895) (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
(1 - 157-653) (BERNARD LEE)

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AT 100-5586
AT 157-2924

Information appearing in the enclosed LHM which was not included in retel was obtained during brief contact with [redacted] SOURCE on 3/29/68.

Reference is also made to New York teletype to Bureau 3/29/68 (no cc Memphis) captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, SM - C". As of the time of contact on 3/29/68 [redacted] SOURCE advised KING had not returned to Atlanta and he had no knowledge as to his contemplated itinerary. From questioning of informant it was determined he had no knowledge of any SCLC meeting scheduled for 3/30/68. Arrangements have been made to contact informant 4/1/68.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted] SOURCE WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted] SOURCE MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by [redacted] SOURCE It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

SECRET

Atlanta, Georgia
March 29, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On March 28, 1968, a confidential source advised that during the morning of that date Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), participated in a march in Memphis, Tennessee, conducted by sanitation workers who are currently on strike in that community. During this march, incidents of violence were engaged in by a relatively small group of Negroes.

With reference to the above incidents, it was the opinion on March 28, 1968, of Reverend King, Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC; Bernard Lee, Special Aide to the President, SCLC; and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, that those responsible therefor were in no way connected with SCLC but rather represented a minority who obviously are neither in sympathy with Reverend King nor SCLC. Reverend King and his colleagues did not know the identities of these individuals but suspected they might possibly be connected with some "black power" organization.

Because of the disturbance in Memphis on March 28, 1968, Reverend King became extremely dejected and discouraged as to the prospects for success of SCLC's contemplated Washington Spring Project (WSP). Reverend King told his colleagues on this date that because of his participation in the Memphis march, the disturbance which developed, and the ensuing publicity he was gravely fearful that his image and that of SCLC as advocates of nonviolence will be blemished.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Subscribing to the thought that those responsible for the aforementioned disturbance might represent some "black power" organization, Abernathy, Lee, and Williams on March 28, 1968, were extremely apprehensive for the personal safety of Reverend King, particularly in the event he should in the near future appear publicly in connection with activity by the striking sanitation workers in Memphis.

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SECRET

HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Atlanta, Georgia
March 29, 1968

Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FBI ATL. NEW YORK 4/5

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(OO:ATLANTA)

ReNYteletype 3/29/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) containing information from SOURCE on 3/28/68, concerning a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on what KING's position should be on the rioting that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee on 3/28/68.

The source used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is SOURCE

An information copy of this LHM is being sent to the Richmond Office, since it is indicated that KING will probably cancel a scheduled appearance in Virginia on Saturday (March 30, 1968).

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(1-157-8428) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
2-Atlanta (100-) (Encls. 3) (RM)
(1-100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)
(1-157-) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
1-Richmond (100-) (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)
2-Washington Field (100-) (Encls. 2) (RM)
(1-157-) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
1-New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (41)
1-New York (100-140184) (COMINFIL SCLC) (43)
1-New York (100-153735) (CIRM) (41)
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This LHM is classified "SECRET" because it contains information from SOURCE a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "SECRET" because it contains a concentration of information from SOURCE in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
March 29, 1968

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SECRET

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Security Matter - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on March 28, 1968, that, late on that date, Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, Jr. discussed the violence that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee on March 28, 1968, following King's leadership of a protest - march through downtown Memphis. King indicated that he has become so depressed over the developments in Memphis that he has considered calling off the Washington March (his self-described Poor People's Campaign, scheduled to begin in Washington, D.C. on April 22, 1968).

Levison told King that his depression was aggravated because he is physically exhausted as a result of his recent strenuous program. He counseled King not to be on the defensive over the events in Memphis but, on the contrary, should take the position that the majority of people in the Memphis March did not join in the rioting that took place, proving the effectiveness of King's leadership and his policy of non-violence. Levison emphasized that the Washington March will be different in that King will have organized this march and his forces can stress the importance of non-violence. Levison suggested that Saturday morning (March 30, 1968) would be a better time to meet in Atlanta to discuss the Memphis incident rather than meeting on Friday night (March 29, 1968) because it will give King time to rest.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

King agreed in every respect with Levison's evaluation.

The source also ascertained that, prior to conferring with King, Levison spoke with the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, an aide of Dr. King's, who advised Levison that King has cancelled a scheduled appearance in Washington, D.C. on March 29, 1968. Abernathy also noted that King is scheduled to be in Virginia on Saturday (March 30, 1968) but will probably cancel that appearance. Abernathy continued that it was a mistake for the King forces not to have a staff in Memphis to train people in non-violence. He said it also was a mistake on the part of the King forces not to have been more aware of the local situation.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP,USA), in July, 1963.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/29/68

Attached relates to a conversation between Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and his principal advisor and long-time secret Communist Party member, Stanley Levison.

Information in attached will be furnished the White House, Attorney General and interested Government agencies.

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VIA TELETYPE
MAR 29 1968
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[redacted] URGENT 3-29-68 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 ATLANTA RICHMOND AND WASHINGTON FIELD (CODE)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585 2P

MARTIN LUTHER KING. SM - C. SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST.

SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS

IN CONTACT WITH STANLEY LEVISON JUST PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT WHEN THEY DISCUSSED RIOT IN MEMPHIS. KING STATED HE WAS DEPRESSED BY RIOTS AND WAS CONSIDERING CALLING OFF THE WASHINGTON MARCH. LEVISON ADVISED KING HE SHOULD TAKE POSITION THAT MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN MEMPHIS MARCH DID NOT JOIN IN THE RIOTING AND PROVES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF KING'S POLICY OF NON VIOLENCE. LEVISON EMPHASIZED THAT THE WASHINGTON MARCH WILL DIFFER FROM MEMPHIS MARCH SINCE KING WILL HAVE ORGANIZED THE WASHINGTON MARCH AND CAN STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF NON VIOLENCE. KING AND SCLC WILL MEET IN ATLANTA SATURDAY, THREE THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT TO DISCUSS MEMPHIS INCIDENT AND PROBABLY WASHINGTON MARCH. KING WAS SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON, DC. THREE TWENTY

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NINE SIXTY EIGHT WHICH HE HAS CANCELLED AND WAS SCHEDULED

TO BE IN VIRGINIA ON MARCH THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT WHICH HE

WILL PROBABLY CANCEL.

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FBI

Date: 3/27/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)
(100-106670)

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (157-1305) (P)
(100-5056) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
OO: Atlanta

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
OO: WFO

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 3/18/68 and Atlanta radiogram to Bureau and Savannah 3/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memo concerning KING's visit to Waycross and Augusta, Ga. as well as the appearance of Rev. R. D. ABERNATHY at Savannah, Ga.

One copy of this letterhead memo is also being furnished 111th MIG, Fort McPherson, Ga.; NISO, Charleston, S.C. and U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga.

Copies of this communication and the enclosed letterhead memo are also being furnished to Atlanta and WFO.

ENCLOSURE

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(3 - 157-8428)(Encs. 11) (RM)
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3 - Atlanta
(2 - 157-2924)(Encs. 3)(RM)
(1 - 100-5586)
2 - WFO (157-1395) Encs.2)(RM)
3 - Savannah
(2 - 157-1305)
(1 - 100-5056)
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AGENCY: ACSI, OSI; SEC. SEN.

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Sources utilized in the letterhead memo are as follows:

First source is CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, whose identity is concealed at his request.

Second source is SOURCE

Third source is CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Fourth source is CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT SAVANNAH, GA.

Will continue to follow and report pertinent WSP activities in this territory.

It is noted that the activities of WSP have been confined to the reported meetings and the success of KING's recruiting appeal is unknown at this time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Savannah, Georgia
March 27, 1968

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury.
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

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   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga. (RM)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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Savannah, Georgia
March 27, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

On March 22, 1968, a source advised that a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, had made reservations for nine single rooms for the night of March 22, 1968 at the Holiday Inn, Savannah, Georgia.

On the same date, the "Savannah (Georgia) Morning News", a daily newspaper, announced that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the SCLC, was scheduled to speak that night at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Paul C.M.E. Church, Savannah, Georgia, about the planned "Poor People's Campaign".

On March 23, 1968, a second source advised that Rev. King failed to appear the previous evening at Savannah as scheduled, reportedly because bad weather grounded his plane in Alabama. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President, SCLC, came from Atlanta and spoke to a crowd of about 500 people in the St. Paul Church, urging support for the planned demonstration in Washington, D. C. next month.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

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It is noted that King's visit to Savannah was under the auspices of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters.

On March 21, 1968, Pressie B. McCoy, President, Eighth Congressional District of Georgia Voters League, Waycross, Georgia, advised pursuant to a telephonic request, he had made arrangements for the A.M.E. Mount Zion Church, Waycross, to be made available on March 22, 1968 to Rev. King to make a speech about the "Poor People's Campaign".

On March 23, 1968, S. W. White, Sno-White Flying Service, Waycross, Georgia, Airport, advised that Rev. King had arrived at the Waycross Airport at 11:06 a.m. White subsequently advised that the pilot of King's plane advised they expected to be in Waycross for approximately one hour.

On the same date, Corporal Willie Armstrong, Waycross Police Department, advised he was in the audience at the church when Rev. King spoke. He said King only spoke very briefly, mentioning the needs of the poor people and the ridiculousness of the expenditures on the Vietnam war when money was needed in the ghettos and for the war on poverty. He said no effort was made to recruit volunteers at the time of the speech and no information was given concerning this aspect. He estimated about 225 to 250 people attended, but that a considerable number of these people left prior to the time a collection was taken.

On the same date, Mr. White, described above, advised that Rev. King and the individuals accompanying him left the Waycross Airport at about 1:00 p.m.

On March 26, 1968, a third source advised that he had attended the meeting at Waycross addressed by Rev. King. He estimated that there were about 200 people present and noted that Rev. Abernathy introduced Rev. King. He said King spoke less than ten minutes, directing most of his talk about the deplorable poverty conditions and his anticipated campaign in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of correcting these conditions.

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On the same date, a fourth source related substantially the same information about the Waycross meeting, adding that a collection of $200 was taken up from those present.

On March 21, 1968, Mr. John D. Watkins, attorney, Augusta, Georgia, advised that Rev. King was scheduled to appear at Beulah Grove Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. on March 23, 1968; the meeting was sponsored by the Citizens Concerned for Welfare of the Community, Inc. (CCWC, INC.), which he described as a small group of responsible people interested in the welfare of the community, and particularly in the welfare of poor people. He said Rev. B. I. Vernon, pastor of the Beulah Grove Baptist Church, is President of the CCWC, Inc., and that Watkins is the Secretary. He related that the purpose of the meeting on March 23, 1968 is to interest people in participating financially in the Washington Spring Project.

On March 25, 1968, Chief of Police Broadus Bequest, Augusta Police Department, advised he had several plainclothes detectives attend the meeting at the Beulah Grove Baptist Church on March 23, 1968. He said Rev. King, scheduled to arrive at 2:00 p.m., arrived at 6:40 p.m., and that King went directly from the airport to the church where he spoke about ten minutes, urging financial assistance in the campaign for poor people. Chief Bequest said that King related they had a warehouse full of food for the people participating in the campaign and expected to build several shacks on the Capitol grounds to serve these people.

Chief Bequest related the meeting was attended by about 450 people and that a collection of $305 was taken up at the meeting. He said there was no indication as to how many people would participate in the demonstration in Washington.

He related that following the meeting, King and his group went to the Downtowner Motel in Augusta where they had dinner with guests and companions. He said the bill for the dinner was $130 and that following the dinner the group went to the local airport from which King left about 11:00 p.m.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Concerning King's scheduled speeches in Augusta, Savannah and Waycross, Georgia, the following agencies were notified:

Robert Caleb,
111th Military Intelligence Group, Savannah, Ga.;

Chief Leo B. Ryan, Police Department, Savannah, Ga.;

Chief Ray Pope, Police Department, Waycross, Ga.;

Sgt. J. C. Pope, Georgia State Patrol, Waycross, Ga.;

Sheriff Robert E. Lee, Ware County, Waycross, Ga.;

Chief Broadus Bequest, Police Department, Augusta, Ga.;

Chief Deputy Sheriff Roger Tomlin, Richmond County, Augusta, Ga.;

J. K. Brantley,
111th Military Intelligence Group, Fort Gordon, Ga.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Savannah, Georgia
March 27, 1968

Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Character SECURITY MATTER - C;
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Reference Savannah memorandum dated March 27, 1968 captioned as above.

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[redacted] URGENT 3-27-68 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR (157-8428), NEW YORK, WFO, AND MEMPHIS --PLAINTEXT--

ATTN -DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

WFO AND MEMPHIS VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEWARK (157-2298)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, (WSP), ~~RM~~, 00-WFO.

TOUR OF NEWARK BY DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING INITIATED AT ELEVEN THIRTY AM INSTANT BY APPEARANCE AT MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL ONE PM. DURING THIS PERIOD KING SPOKE FOR ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES TO AN AUDIENCE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED. MONEY COLLECTED TO DATE IN THIS AREA WAS ANNOUNCED AS FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. IT WAS STATED THAT TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX PERSONS IN NJ HAVE BEEN SIGNED UP TO GO TO WASHINGTON AND THAT TWENTY OF THEM WILL BE DESIGNATED AS MARSHALS AND GIVEN TRAINING IN NON-VIOLENCE AT WORKSHOPS IN WASHINGTON DC. THESE MARSHALS WILL RETURN TO THEIR AREAS AND TRAIN OTHERS WHO WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON FOR THE WSP ON APRIL TWO TWO NEXT.

KING DID ANNOUNCE THAT THE GROUP INITIALLY IN WASHINGTON WAS TO REMAIN AND BE AUGMENTED BY INCREASING NUMBERS CULMINATING IN A GIANT RALLY ON OR ABOUT JUNE ONE FIVE.

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Summary
Included in ~~letter~~ to White House and Attorney General. Date 4-5-68

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KING FOLLOWED THE CHURCH MEETING WITH A TOUR OF NEWARK WHICH INCLUDED A TEN MINUTE VISIT AT THE RESIDENCE OF LEROY JONES, ANTI-WHITE BLACK NATIONALIST, WHO WAS ARRESTED DURING THE RIOTS IN NEWARK, SUMMER OF SIXTY-SEVEN.

INFO INDICATED KING DEPARTING NY FOR MEMPHIS LATE INSTANT DATE AND WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON THREE TWENTY-NINE NEXT.

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cc: Mr. Tamm

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395)(P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER
(OO:WFO)

ReWFOairtel and LHM dated 3/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. LHM classified "Confidential" in order to offer additional security to extremely valuable informants, who furnished information contained therein.

The press conference mentioned in enclosed LHM was attended by SAs JOHN T. ALDHIZER, III, and ROBERT E. OLDS.

The first confidential source mentioned in enclosed LHM is [redacted], and the second is [redacted]. Both informants furnished the information to SA PAUL E. MORRISON.

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Persons identified in enclosed LHM as having been recruited to work with the WSP since re airtel and LHM have been searched through WFO indices and no pertinent identifiable subversive derogatory information was located based on available information.

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As pointed out in enclosed LHM, no active recruitment of demonstrators has been undertaken to date. It would appear as though they will experience little trouble in any future recruitment of demonstrators to participate in the WSP.

WFO continues to maintain liaison with [redacted] Inspector THOMAS I. HERLIHY, Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, and has furnished him all available information concerning the WSP.

Officials of the U.S. Park Police, U.S. Capitol Police, General Services Administration, and the military agencies have been alerted concerning details of the WSP and their cooperation has been solicited in furnishing information coming to their attention concerning the WSP.

Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally by WFO to Assistant U.S. Attorney, Washington, D. C., NISO, OSI, 116th MIG, and the U.S. Secret Service.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535

March 26, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to our memorandum dated March 19, 1968, and captioned as above, which sets forth information concerning progress in the organization and planning of the Washington Spring Project (WSP).

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capitol during April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

In pursuit of this project, the SCLC has opened an office in Washington, D. C., from which to organize and direct the WSP.

On March 22, 1968, a press conference was called by WSP representatives at the SCLC Office, Washington, D. C. (WDC). At the conference an announcement was made that King was expected to be in WDC on April 22, 1968, to initiate the WSP by presenting his requests to Congress. They further announced that late in April or early May, 1968, they expect three thousand demonstrators to arrive. The emphasis is being placed on the length of the demonstration rather than the number of demonstrators and they do not expect the number of demonstrators to exceed five thousand and will possibly limit the number to that figure. They expect the demonstrators to remain in WDC as long as necessary or until they get tired and return to their homes.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 23, 1968, that he had learned that a meeting had been held on the morning of March 23, 1968, of heads and representatives of various committees established to organize and plan the WSP. There were approximately twenty-five people there, including Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy, Vice-Chairman of the Washington City Council, and a WDC affiliate of the SCLC.

The chairman of the Food Committee reported that the Cooks Union had offered their services to the WSP. She further advised that all food handlers would be screened and examined.

A representative of the Xaverian College, 10000 New Hampshire Avenue, White Oak, Maryland, met with the group and advised the college could handle six hundred people at one time. The source did not know if this had reference to handling six hundred people as residents or feeding that number at one time.

No site has been located on which to erect the "New City" to house the demonstrators. Three sources from which land can be obtained were discussed. They were:

District of Columbia land;

Federal Government land;

Land belonging to churches and private individuals.

Reverend Fauntroy suggested that Billy Simpson, 3815 Georgia Avenue, N.W., be named to head the fund raising committee and that one Flaxie Pinkert be asked to assist.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 25, 1968, that he had received information concerning a meeting held at

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the WSP Office on March 23, 1968, which was attended by approximately ten persons. At the meeting Anthony Henry, WSP recruiter, announced that everyone who will live at the "New City," and those who will visit frequently, must be trained in non-violence.

At the meeting Henry further stated that the majority of the demonstrators will be Negro; however, they expect Mexican-American, American Indians, and poor white to participate also. He pointed out that not much success had been realized in the recruitment of poor whites, as they associate Martin Luther King with the civil rights movement and they do not feel this movement effects them.

Charles E. Cheng, a representative of the American Federation of Teachers, heads the Education Committee for the WSP and announced no problem has been experienced in the recruitment of teachers to staff the "Freedon Schools," which will be developed for use of children associated with the WSP. He further announced an intention to appoint six sub-committees on his Education Committee. They will be: Orientation; Resources; Recruitment; Space; Program; and Schedules.

Cheng informed those present that no site had been selected for the "Freedom Schools" and that emphasis will be placed of subjects such as: Black Awareness; Black History; and Black Culture."

The attached pages set forth additional information concerning the WSP.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

REPORTING OFFICE

Washington, D. C.

NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS RECRUITING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Anthony Ray Henry
William Moyer
Henry Brownlee
Lester Hankerson
J.T. Johnson
Richard Gay
Gerald Pogue
Steve Wise
James Peterson

ADDRESS OF LOCAL HEADQUARTERS

1401 U Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

KNOWN NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECRUITED

Reliable sources have advised that efforts have not been made to recruit demonstrators for the WSP in Washington, D. C. At this time they have no goal and the number of people they will attempt to recruit depends on the success of recruitment elsewhere in the United States. Their overall goal is a nucleus of at least three thousand demonstrators and any part of that total not recruited elsewhere will be sought in the Washington, D. C., area. To date sixth-three persons have been recruited to work on various committees in support of the WSP.

KNOWN NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS RECRUITED TO DATE

The following are persons who have been identified as having been recruited to work in support of the WSP since March 19, 1968:

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David A. Clarke, 1909 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.;

Earl Coblyn;

Mary L. Burns, 1635 V Street, S.E., Number 6, Washington, D. C.;

Barbara Willis;

Gary Ayers, 3800 14th Street, N.W., Number 206, Washington, D. C.;

Melvin Deal, 2705 13th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.;

David Wrice, Jr., 1033 Third Street, N.E., Washington, D. C.;

Jacques J. Kozub;

Judy Crews, 5439 16th Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland;

Reverend Barry Stipp, Bethesda Congregational Church, 10010 Fernwood Road, Bethesda, Maryland;

Gerry Schwinn, 1509 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.;

Oscar Griffin.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECRUITED

It is estimated that approximately one hundred twenty-five persons have been recruited thus far to serve on various committees in support of the WSP.

NUMBER OF BUSES AND OTHER COMMERCIAL TYPE TRANSPORTATION CHARTERED AND TOTAL CAPACITY

None

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NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS TO PARTICIPATE

No information developed not already reported by referenced memorandum dated March 19, 1968.

IDENTITY OF DRIVERS; MAKE, MODEL, AND LICENSE NUMBERS OF CARS TO PARTICIPATE

None

ROUTE CARS ARE SCHEDULED TO USE

Not applicable

AREAS BUSES AND DRIVERS ARE TO DISCHARGE PASSENGERS UPON ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Not known at this time.

ADDRESS DEMONSTRATORS ARE TO REPORT TO UPON ARRIVAL

Not known at this time.

REMARKS

None.

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Subject: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:
Re Columbia airtel to Bureau, 3-19-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for Atlanta two copies of LHM. Also enclosed for Bureau are original and one copy each of the following newspaper articles:

(1) Article entitled "King's March Plan Causes New Worry," from The State, 3-23-68.

(2) Article entitled "King Plans Visit to Columbia During Tour of Southeast States," from The State, 3-22-68.

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3 - Bureau (Enc. 17) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (157-2924) (Enc. 2) (RM)
1 - Columbia AGENCY: ACSI, ~~CSI~~ OSI; SEC. SEP: ~~DSSS~~ ISD RD, RAO YDIU

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DATE FORW: 4/1/68 11-MAR 28 1968
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ACTION: UACB:
☐ No further action being taken and
☐ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA _____
☐ LHM being submitted 1CC ATT LHM 806 9TD
☐ Report being submitted 1CC [illegible] 806 9TD
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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(3) Article entitled "Martin Luther King Plans Tour of State on April 3," from The Columbia Record, 3-21-68.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is Confidential Source [redacted], concealed at his request.

For information of Bureau, this project appears to have made little or no progress in South Carolina.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Columbia, South Carolina

March 25, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital the first week in April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

On March 21, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised as follows:

The Washington Spring Project (WSP) has made little or no progress in South Carolina, and there is no staff recruiting in South Carolina in connection with this proposed project.

Martin Luther King is tentatively planning to visit South Carolina for one day on April 3, 1968, in connection with the WSP. King will probably fly to Charleston, South Carolina, tour some counties in the lower part of the state, and end up in Columbia, South Carolina, where he will possibly address a public rally. During this day, King will meet and explain the purpose of the WSP.

Mrs. Bernice Robinson and Mrs. Septima Clark, both Negro females, reside at Charleston, South Carolina, where they work with the Voter Registration Project and the Citizenship Education Program which projects are sponsored by the SCLC.

Carl Farris of Atlanta, Georgia, is a staff member of the Citizenship Education Program and about two weeks ago Farris was visiting in Charleston, South Carolina, where he was working with the Voter Registration Project. Farris spends most of his time in Atlanta, Georgia, when he is not working in South Carolina.

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The above-mentioned three persons, while working in South Carolina in connection with these SCLC-sponsored projects, describe the purpose of the WSP with persons contacted; however, they are not actively recruiting for the WSP.

The attached page sets forth more detailed data relative to the WSP.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reporting office: Columbia

Names of individuals recruiting in South Carolina: No one known to be recruiting.

Address of Headquarters: No headquarters established.

Known number of individuals recruited to date: 0

Known names of individuals recruited: N/A

Estimated number of individuals recruited: 0

Number of buses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity: 0

Number of private cars to participate: 0

Identity of driver; make, model, and license numbers of cars to participate: N/A

Route cars are scheduled to use: N/A

Areas buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D. C.: N/A

Address demonstrators are to report to upon arrival: N/A

Remarks: None.

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King's March Plan Causes New Worry

By LEE BANDY
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Southern House Members may have a new problem in trying to delay consideration of the Senate civil rights bill until Dr. Martin Luther King and his demonstrators arrive here April 22.

There is serious talk now the Negro leader might be forced to postpone his poor peoples march until some time in May because the response to the demonstration has been less than anticipated.

This ironic possibility buoys the House Democratic leadership which has been urging members to accept the measure without any debate or hearings and send it to the White House for the President's signature.

The feeling of the proponents is that if the Senate civil rights protection and open housing legislation is approved before King arrives, some of the sting will be taken out of his campaign.

However, on the other hand, the Dixie Bloc believes it can kill the bill by holding the measure out until the march begins. Southern contention members will refuse to act under threat of intimidation.

With word leaking out King may have to postpone the march, Dixie members and some Republicans began taking a new look at their strategy.

"Our main concern is how long we can keep tying this thing up," a Southern member pointed out.

Reliable sources, who have access to the inside planning of the King march, told The State the Negro leader has not received the response he anticipated and has altered the original plans.

According to informants, the tentative program calls for only a few hand-picked demonstrators to arrive in town April 22 to submit certain demands to Congress.

They will include a guaranteed income for everyone, implementation of the President's Riot Commission Report, Jobs, and better housing.

The sources reported that King's marchers would use the expected rejection of the demands by congress to stir up their people and get support for the big march in May.

If that doesn't succeed, they the big march in May.

If that doesn't succeed, they said, the plan is for King to withdraw on account of illness and cancel the demonstration.

However, the fear is if this happens the black militants will move in and take over.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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THE STATE
COLUMBIA, S.C.

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Editor: WILLIAM D. WORKMAN
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King Plans Visit To Columbia During Tour Of Southeast States

By JIM D'AVIGNON
Staff Writer

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will visit Columbia April 3 as part of an extensive tour of Southeastern and Northern states.

Al Pertilla, a spokesman for King's Atlanta, Ga., headquarters said, "exact times and places (King's visit) are not known yet. As of this time, however, he will visit Columbia."

King is making the tour in connection with the S.C.L.C.'s Poor People's Campaign. He will visit several locations in South Carolina and will make two of three speeches.

The speeches will be open to the public, said Pertilla. King will speak to people in poverty areas as part of a campaign to dramatize the plight of some three million low income people in the U. S.

Organizers of the Poor Peoples Campaign say that King hopes to slowly increase pressure on the federal government for aid to poor people. His primary method will be the use of sit-ins and marches.

The current tour will culminate in a massive march in Washington on April 22. The march, King said, in December is aimed at forcing Congress and the administration to provide "jobs or income for all."

King said an initial force of 3,000 demonstrators, trained in nonviolent techniques, would seek "massive dislocation" of the capital "until America responds" to the needs of its poor.

The protestors, recruited in 10 major cities and five rural areas, would begin a "strong, dramatic and attention-getting campaign" in early April. He indicated that the capitol and the White House would be among the "targets."

The civil rights leader acknowledged that the mood of many Negroes in the nation's ghettos made the campaign "risky," but he asserted that "not to act represents moral irresponsibility."

S. C. L. C. spokesmen said that King plans no marches or demonstrations in his April visit to South Carolina. During the midst of rioting in northern cities last July, King conducted a peaceful fund-raising rally in Charleston.

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THE STATE

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Date: 3/22/68
Edition:
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Editor: WILLIAM D. WORKS
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ENCLOSURE

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Martin Luther King Plans Tour Of State On April 3

By THOMAS P. MAYES
Record Staff Writer

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, plans a whirlwind tour of South Carolina April 3.

A spokesman for King's Atlanta, Ga. headquarters indicated the former Nobel Peace Prize winner may visit Columbia on his one-day campaign.

In connection with the S.C.L.C.'s Poor Peoples Campaign, King plans to visit several communities, making two or three speeches.

No specific times or places have been announced.

King plans no demonstrations or marches in South Carolina during the visit.

His speeches will probably be open to the public, the S.C.L.C. spokesman said.

Last July during the midst of rioting in northern cities, King conducted a peaceful fund-raising rally in Charleston.

Benjamin F. Mack, state field director for S.C.L.C., said King may also visit South Carolina this summer.

Poor Peoples Campaign organizers say King wishes to dramatize the plight of some three million low income earning people in the United States. They say, using primarily sit-ins and marches, King hopes to slowly increase pressure on the federal government for aid to poor people.

In Charleston King said, "There are people right here in South Carolina who are starving."

On April 22, King and approximately 100 Civil Rights leaders will begin visiting U.S. congressmen and heads of government agencies.

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THE COLUMBIA RECORD
COLUMBIA, S.C.

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Editor: JOHN A. MONTGOMERY
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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304)(P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
(WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re CV airtel to Bureau, 3-19-68.

Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies of LHM re the WSP; copies are also being sent to Atlanta for its file on WSP, COMINFIL, SCLC and MARTIN LUTHER KING, and to Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York and WFO.

Copies are also being sent to USA, CV, Secret Service, CV, and local military intelligence agencies.

ENCLOSURE

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(1 - 100-5718 COMINFIL SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586 MARTIN LUTHER KING)
2 - Baltimore (157-2717)(ENC. 2)(RM)
2 - Chicago (157-2474)(Enc. 2)(RM)
2 - Cincinnati (100-17196)(Enc. 2)(RM)
2 - New York (157-2052)(Enc. 2)(RM)
2 - Washington Field (157-1395)(Enc. 2)(RM)
8 - Cleveland
(1 - 100-26792 COMINFIL, SCLC)
(1 - 157-293 MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 157-263 POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)
(1 - 157-1319 MICHAEL BIBLER)
(1 - 157-1320 Rev. E. R. OSBORN)
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CV 157-1304

IDENTITIES OF SOURCES
USED IN LHM

CV T-1 is [redacted] SOURCE

CV T-2 is [redacted] SOURCE

This LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL as it contains data reported from CV T-1 and CV T-2 which could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

PROGRESS REPORT

As of 3-26-68, Rev. E. RANDEL OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER, the two WSP recruiters in CV, have been continuing their recruiting activity and giving out WSP posters and pamphlets. Rev. OSBURN is still very enthusiastic and full of spirit regarding this poor people's campaign and he feels he should be able to reach his 200 people quota to make this 4-68 trip to Washington, D. C. As of 3-26-68, it was known OSBURN had not recruited his 200 people, but there is no indication as to the number he has recruited.

Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING is scheduled to be in CV on 4-10-68 in connection with the WSP and it is felt that OSBURN and BIBLER are pushing hard to have a number of recruits by the time KING arrives here, so they can make a favorable report. No definite appraisal can be made at this time, as to the possible success the WSP will have in CV as Rev. OSBURN has not released any recruitment figures as yet.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

March 26, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reference is made to Cleveland memorandum dated March 19, 1968.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the nation's capitol the first week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

"The Cleveland Press", a Cleveland, Ohio, daily afternoon newspaper of general circulation in its March 19, 1968, issue, page B-3, carried an article "Dr. KING PLANS TO RECRUIT HERE FOR D.C. PROTEST" which stated the following:

"Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be in Cleveland Apr. 10 to recruit support and participants for a demonstration over jobs and income for the poor in Washington, D. C.

"He will stop here during a tour from Mississippi to New York to Chicago in preparation for the Washington demonstration which is to start Apr. 22.

"A coalition of Negro, Puerto Rican, Indian, poor white and Mexican-American groups is being formed to join in the demonstration, it was announced by Atlanta headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which Dr. KING heads.

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"A steering committee for what is being called the National Poor People's Campaign includes persons from New Mexico, Texas, Georgia, West Virginia, California, Illinois and New York."

CV T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 21, 1968, that during a meeting of the Womens International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) held at Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on March 19, 1968, it was mentioned that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING's big "poor peoples march into Washington" would take place in April, 1968. Plans are for the poor Negro families and children to converge on Washington, D. C. and KING hoped that many whites would stand by to fill the ranks as Negroes are arrested and put in jail. One of the women at the meeting mentioned that some of the student groups from Cleveland planned to send some representatives to stand by.

Someone asked if there was an active group in Cleveland assisting KING in the plans and another individual answered that there was, but it was not a white group.

Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, advised on March 26, 1968, that his department had been contacted by the Metropolitan Police, Washingtn, D. C. to furnish them with any pertinent information regarding the WSP as it pertains to the Cleveland area. None of Sergeant UNGVARY's sources to date, have been able to develop any information as to the number of people recruited by the WSP, plans for travel to Washington, D. C., etc.; however, Sergeant UNGVARY will be alert for any information along this line.

CV T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, indicated on March 26, 1968, that he learned Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN, the WSP recruiter in Cleveland, has been working at WSP headquarters, 7902 Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, for the past two days on behalf of the WSP. OSBURN also has a young woman, name unknown, doing some of the clerical functions in this office.

WSP in Cleveland has been distributing posters to various stores for display purposes which were prepared by the SCLC about the "Poor People's Campaign - 1968"; also the WSP has been giving out pamphlets prepared by SCLC, 334 Auburn Avenue,

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N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, entitled "Poor People's Campaign" and this appears to have been prepared professionally. This pamphlet gives information on how people can join this poor people's campaign, it welcomes all local organizations to join the WSP, it calls on both blacks and whites to participate, it points out the campaign will get under way in April, 1968 (no actual date shown) and lastly it requests all kinds of help as resources are very limited.

Source added that OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER, the other WSP recruiter, are continuing their recruiting activity and Reverend OSBURN still seems very enthusiastic and has a lot of spirit regarding the WSP, although he still does not have the 200 people for Cleveland's quota. Reverend OSBURN has not given any indication as to the exact number of people recruited, their identity, travel plans, etc.

The following is additional data relative to this project:

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reporting office	Cleveland, Ohio
Names of Individuals Recruiting in this area	Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER
Address of Headquarters	Park Lane Villa 10510 Park Lane Cleveland, Ohio (Rev. OSBURN's apartment) and 7902 Hough Avenue Cleveland, Ohio
Known number of Individuals Recruited to date	Unknown
Known names of Individuals Recruited	Unknown
Estimated number of individuals recruited	Unknown
Number of buses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity	None
Number of Private cars to participate	Unknown
Route cars are scheduled to use	Unknown
Areas buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D. C.	Unknown
Address demonstrators are to report on arrival	Unknown

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

D. M. Dorsett

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Memphis, Mobile, WFO, and Jackson, dated 3/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Two copies of this letterhead memorandum are also enclosed for Atlanta, Jackson, Memphis, Mobile, and WFO.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to the U. S. Secret Service, military intelligence agencies, and U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
March 22, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On March 20, 1968, Mr. RALPH R. BANKS, District Attorney, Greene County, advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RALPH ABERNATHY, HOSEA WILLIAMS, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) arrived at the First African Baptist Church, Eutaw, Alabama, 5:15 p.m., March 20, 1968. Mr. BANKS stated that KING and his group departed Eutaw, Alabama, at 6 p.m. bound for Greensboro, Alabama.

On March 20, 1968, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, (SCLC) addressed a group of approximately five hundred persons at the First African Baptist Church, Eutaw, Alabama. This informant advised that KING spoke on the subject of the Washington poor peoples campaign and said that President JOHNSON was spending too much money in Vietnam and he should spend more on the poor people. KING stated that he expected approximately one half million people in Washington, D. C., for the demonstration and that SCLC would see to it that all expenses were paid. KING said that SCLC would not leave Washington, D. C. until Congress took appropriate action in regard to the Negro.

On March 21, 1968, Confidential Informant T-2 advised MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SCLC, RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC, and HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC, arrived at the Birmingham Airport, Birmingham, Alabama, at 9:35 p.m., March 20, 1968. They drove directly to Bessemer, Alabama, where MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., spoke briefly to a crowd of approximately six hundred

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persons at the New Zion Baptist Church, 1026 North 24th Street, Bessemer. KING stated that he is going to take part in a demonstration in Memphis, Tennessee on Friday, March 22, 1968. KING thereafter turned the meeting over to HOSEA WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS advised those present that SCLC will use church buses to transport recruits for the Washington Spring Project from the Birmingham, Alabama area to Washington, D. C. He said that Birmingham ministers will be asked by SCLC to donate their church buses for the project. The demonstrators who are recruited in Birmingham are to report to Lafayette Park in Washington, D. C., where they will set up a tent city. THOMAS EDWARD WRENN will be in charge of the Birmingham delegation at Washington, D. C. WILLIAMS also stated that he would like if possible to transport two Negro "shanty" houses from Alabama to Washington, D. C., and set them up near the Smithsonian Institute. T-2 said that WILLIAMS estimated that SCLC would raise $21,000 from Mississippi and $27,000 from Alabama to support this project. WILLIAMS said that 75 to 100 Indians and Mexicans from the southwest section of the country will meet in Jackson, Mississippi, during the week of April 22, 1968. Thereafter, together with the Negro demonstrators recruited in Mississippi, they will travel to Birmingham, Alabama. On April 24, and 25, 1968, this group will "camp-in" at Kelly Ingram Park in Birmingham. On April 26, 1968, combined groups from the southwestern states, Mississippi, and Alabama will march through the city of Birmingham and thereafter travel by bus to Atlanta, Georgia, and join up with the Georgia group. On the night of April 26, 1968, the demonstrators will "camp-in" at the Capitol steps in Atlanta. WILLIAMS said that the Teamsters Union will furnish all the food necessary for the demonstrators while they are in Washington, D. C. In conclusion, WILLIAMS said that "Congress will give in or the United States will be burned down".

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On March 21, 1968, Sergeant [redacted] JFK Act 6 (4)
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, advised that at 1 p.m. he interviewed MOSES WILLIAMS at the Birmingham Municipal Airport and WILLIAMS advised SMITH that because of inclement weather, Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., has cancelled his trip to southern Alabama. WILLIAMS told Sergeant SMITH that Reverend KING and his group would depart for Atlanta, Georgia, in a Cessnar aircraft #N3223Q at 2 p.m. and on March 22, 1968, they planned to fly to Memphis, Tennessee.

Sergeant SMITH stated that at 1:45 p.m. CST, he observed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and his party depart from the Birmingham Airport.

Appropriate local, county, State, and Federal authorities have been advised of the above information.

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Birmingham, Alabama
March 22, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Birmingham letterhead memorandum to Bureau dated March 22, 1968.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C.

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

ON NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY LAST SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PLANNED TO BE IN MEMPHIS, TENN., MORNING OF MARCH TWO ONE INSTANT IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN SANITATION WORKERS MARCH OR DEMONSTRATION THAT MORNING. KING PLANS TO RETURN TO GEORGIA DURING AFTERNOON MARCH TWO TWO NEXT. SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS RE ABOVE TRAVEL OF KING.

SOURCE ADVISED HE LEARNED ON MARCH TWENTY LAST THAT JAMES BEVEL, SCLC STAFF MEMBER IN MEMPHIS DURING CURRENT WEEK TO ASSIST SANITATION WORKERS IN PLANNING FURTHER ACTIVITY RE THIS STRIKE.

INFORMATION FROM SOURCE [redacted] CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (100-161) (P)
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
(OO: ATLANTA)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM
(OO: WFO)

ReJNtel to Bureau dated 3/18/68 entitled "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C"; JNtel to Bureau 3/19/68 entitled "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C and WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM"; JNtel to Bureau 3/20/68 entitled MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C, and WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM regarding KING's visit to Miss., 3/19,20/68; two copies of LHM being furnished MIGp; one copy each being furnished OSI and USA, Jackson, and Secret Service, Jackson; one copy furnished USA, Oxford.

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Sources utilized in LHM are as follows:

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3.	[redacted] SOURCE	
4.	[redacted] SOURCE	
5.	[redacted] SOURCE	
6.	[redacted] CONF. SOURCE	
7.	[redacted] SOURCE	

SAs JAMES F. BODMAN, JR. and RALPH D. GARDNER observed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Greenwood, Miss., on March 19, 1968.

Agents who observed MARTIN LUTHER KING and his group at Thompson Airport, Jackson, Miss., on 3/20/68, were SAS STEPHEN R. CARR and DANIEL J. CONNELL.

This LHM is being classified confidential because of information furnished by Confidential Informants JN T-1 through JN T-4 whose identity, if revealed, could compromise their future effectiveness.

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At Jackson, Mississippi

Will follow and report regarding WSP as pertinent to Mississippi.

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Activity during the past week has been confined to meetings held by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in nine cities in Mississippi. The success of his recruiting is unknown at this time. It is noted he had limited response to his request for participants to take part in the Washington Spring Project (WSP) at the meetings held.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Jackson, Mississippi
March 21, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

On March 18, 1968, Mr. George Wells, Reservation Clerk, Delta Airlines, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that Martin Luther King and Andrew Young had reservations on Flight 566 from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Memphis, Tennessee, on March 18, 1968, arriving Jackson, Mississippi, at 7:13 p.m.

On March 18, 1968, Chief of Detectives M. B. Pierce, Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that King and Young did not leave the plane during its stopover in Jackson, Mississippi.

On March 18, 1968, confidential source one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date, Martin Luther King, Jr. was President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

On March 18, 1968, this source again advised that Andrew Young was Executive Director of SCLC.

On March 18, 1968, a second confidential source advised that King and his group would return to Mississippi on March 19, 1968, to tour eight or nine cities in an attempt to get support in connection with his Washington Spring Project (WSP) to Washington, D.C. on April 22, 1968.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP).

On March 19, 1968, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following itinerary for Martin Luther King, Jr. regarding his trip to Mississippi:

Town	Time	Place
Batesville	11:00 a.m.	Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, extended end of Penolia Avenue
Marks	12:30 p.m.	Silver Grove First Baptist Church, Hemper Street
Clarksdale	2:00 p.m.	Chapel Hill Baptist Church, 303 Carolina Street
Greenwood	3:30 p.m.	Jennings Temple Church, Avenue G Street, (changed to Elks Club).
Grenada	5:00 p.m.	First New Hope Baptist Church, Bell Street
Laurel	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul Methodist Church, 517 Jefferson Street
Hattiesburg	8:30 p.m.	Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Spencer Street
	Wednesday, March 20, 1968:	
McComb	10:00 a.m.	Rose Hill Church in Magnolia

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Jackson 11:30 a.m. Masonic Temple, 1072 W. Lynch Street

SCLC - Martin Luther King - President

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On March 20, 1968, Robert J. Myles advised that Martin Luther King, President of SCLC; Ralph Abernathy, Vice-President and Treasurer of SCLC; and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education of SCLC, arrived March 19, 1968, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Batesville, Mississippi, at 11:00 a.m., from Memphis, Tennessee. King spoke to a group of about 400 persons and departed at 1:20 p.m.

On March 20, 1968, Robert J. Myles, Highway 6, Batesville, Mississippi, advised that Martin Luther King appeared at the Mount Zion Church in Batesville, Mississippi, on March 19, 1968. Myles stated that Dr. King arrived in Batesville shortly before 1 p.m. and departed Batesville shortly after 1:20 p.m. He stated that Dr. King spoke to a group of approximately 400 individuals assembled at the Mount Zion Church.

Myles stated that Dr. King's speech centered around the forthcoming march in Washington, D.C. King encouraged individuals to participate in this matter; and the group, according to Myles, was very receptive to King.

The March 20, 1968, edition of "The Clarion-Ledger", page 7, a Jackson daily newspaper, contained an article that stated that one white man contributed a $100 bill during Martin Luther King's appearances at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Batesville, Mississippi.

On March 19, 1968, Aaron Henry, President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), furnished the following information:

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Martin Luther King, Ralph Abernathy, and Hosea Williams arrived at Valley Queen Baptist Church, Marks, Mississippi, at 1:45 p.m. March 19, 1968. All three spoke at that Church without incident, and they departed Marks at 2:10 p.m.

The above individuals arrived at Clarksdale, Mississippi, 3:15 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, 303 Carolina, and all three spoke to 500 to 600 people until 4:30 p.m. at which time they departed en route to Greenwood.

They asked for a show of hands regarding those who would participate in the Washington Spring Project (WSP) from Clarksdale area and two persons raised their hands.

On March 19, 1968, Martin Luther King arrived at 5:30 p.m. at Greenwood, Mississippi Airport, Greenwood, Mississippi, in a twin engine Cessna 411 Charter Aircraft bearing Identification Number N3223Q.

On March 19, 1968, the third confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that King spoke to a group of approximately 475 individuals at the Jennings Temple Church, Avenue G and Ash Streets, Greenwood, Mississippi. King advised his appearance in Greenwood, Mississippi, was to recruit poor people to go to Washington, D.C. King stated that their purpose was to recruit 3,000 to 6,000 unemployed to go to Washington and stay as long as possible, with new waves of people to come in every week. King advised that after an appropriate number of people were present they were going to make a massive march to "plague" Congress.

During the speech, King requested a show of hands as to the number of individuals who would be available to go to Washington, D.C. during April, 1967.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

At approximately 7:00 p.m. King and six other individuals were observed departing Greenwood, Mississippi Airport in the above aircraft en route to Grenada, Mississippi.

Police Commissioner Paul McKelroy, Grenada, Mississippi, Police Department, advised Martin Luther King, Jr. and party arrived via aircraft at the Grenada, Mississippi Airport at 7:30 p.m. March 19, 1968. King thereafter held a meeting of approximately 30 minutes at the Bellflower Baptist Church, Pearl Street, Grenada, before a group of approximately 175 - 200 individuals. King thereafter departed the Grenada Airport at 8:45 p.m. via the Cessna 411 Aircraft, registration number N3223Q, en route to Laurel, Mississippi, to hold a similar meeting. King was in the company of Hosea Williams, Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Leon Wilbert Hall, Dorothy Cotton, and an unknown young Negro male.

MISS. ALA. GA. SC. N.C. VA.

Mr. McKelroy advised that License Number 22-3381 is registered to the Bellflower Missionary Church, Grenada, Mississippi.

On March 20, 1968, a fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that when King appeared before the crowd of approximately 200 individuals, he asked for support of his poor peoples march in Washington, D.C. citing necessity for this march as a request for jobs and other benefits. When King requested individuals to stand up to show their support for his project and the identity of those who would participate, approximately 30 individuals responded.

Source advised that $61.60 was collected at the meeting for King's project. This money was turned over to King's associates and placed in a paper sack together with money already contained in the paper sack.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Source stated that the crowd responding to King's meeting was small in comparison to those in the past that King and his associates had drawn, nor did King receive an overwhelming support for his proposed project.

Mr. McKelroy advised that King departed Grenada Airport, Grenada, Mississippi, at 8:45 p.m. in above described plane en route to Laurel, Mississippi.

On March 19, 1968, a fifth confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Martin Luther King arrived at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 517 Jefferson Street, Laurel, Mississippi, at approximately 10:00 p.m. on March 19, 1968, and delivered a 10 to 15 minute inspiring talk concerning the Washington Spring Project. King pointed out that the grandparents and parents of those present worked for nothing and as a result the present generation of Negroes have little or nothing. King warned that the grandchildren of those present will also have nothing if the Negro fails to act today and demand his God given and constitutional rights. He strongly encouraged the local Negro to rise up and join the Washington Spring Project. King explained that the purpose of the Washington Spring Project was to emphasize to the world that the American Negro, though he is an American citizen, he is not receiving the constitutional rights which are supposedly guaranteed to all American citizens but in reality are given only to American white citizens.

Source advised that the Church was crowded with approximately 300 persons and some 100 to 150 left before King's arrival as he was approximately three hours late arriving in Laurel. A collection was taken for King at the Church, the amount received unknown.

On March 19,20, 1968, a sixth confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Martin Luther King, President, Ralph Abernathy, Vice-President and Treasurer, Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, Dorothy Cotton, Director

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP) LEON WILBERT HALL

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

of Citizenship School, and Leon Hall, Project Director for the State of Mississippi, all SCLC, arrived at the Mount Zion Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, around 12:30 a.m. March 20, 1968. King made a short speech regarding the Washington Spring Project before a crowd of 750 persons. King stated a collection of $300 would have to be received before he would speak. The collection total was $345.00.

Source stated that King had a reservation for nine single rooms at the Holiday Inn South, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, cancelled his reservations, and departed Hattiesburg, Mississippi, en route to Jackson, Mississippi, at 3:14 a.m.

On March 20, 1968, Major T. Schiff, Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that King and his party registered at the Alamo Plaza Motel at 4 a.m.

On March 20, 1968, a seventh confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that King and his party arrived at the Masonic Temple, Jackson, Mississippi, 12:45 p.m. and he addressed a crowd estimated at about 400 persons. Source stated that King did not travel to McComb, Mississippi, which was a scheduled stop on his itinerary.

COLORED PEOPLE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF

On March 20, 1968, John Pierce, Reporter, Associated Press, Jackson, Mississippi, advised King and his party were greeted by Charles Evers, Director of the NAACP in the State of Mississippi, Lawrence Guyot, Chairman, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, a predominantly Negro political party within the State, and Geraldine Smith, State Chairman of the National Welfare Rights Organization. Hosea Williams stated the SCLC had just completed a strategy meeting and the date of the Washington Spring Project previously set as April 22, 1968, Washington, D.C., has been cancelled. He said King, Abernathy, Andrew J. Young, and other leaders of SCLC will go to Washington either April 23 or 24, 1968, where they intend to contact Congressional leaders, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary

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of Commerce, and expect to receive assurances of legislation to improve the plight of the Negro. They will present "SCLC's Economic Bill of Rights to Congressional leaders and Government officials".

On April 27 or 28, 1968, the "Beachhead Troops", people from all over Mississippi, will arrive in Jackson for a major mass meeting. They will then march through downtown Jackson and board buses provided by SCLC and will leave en route to Birmingham, Alabama. At Birmingham they will meet a group who had just completed a mass meeting and march through Birmingham and will proceed on to Atlanta, Georgia; Columbia, South Carolina; Durham, North Carolina; Richmond, Virginia; and will meet at a staging point at Alexandria, Virginia. At the same time groups will have departed from Boston, Detroit, Chicago, and Philadelphia, to staging points around Baltimore, Maryland. They expect to have a total of 3,000 people in this group who will stay in Washington for at least two weeks. Then they will be replaced by a second group and this will continue until enough pressure has been applied that Congress takes appropriate action. They will build a "City of Hope, a shantytown", in Washington, D.C., to house and feed all participants. They will stay in Washington by continuing to send waves of people until the Democratic Convention.

Abernathy and King spoke briefly and echoed same sentiments as Williams. King said professional groups, professional people, and industrialists throughout the country are being contacted for donations for this project. He did not comment on how much has been received.

On March 20, 1968, confidential source one advised that he attended the meeting at Jackson on this date and that from the eight speeches made by King and his staff in Mississippi on March 19, 20, 1968, a total of $1,000 was collected in donations. At each rally a donation was collected. Source had lunch with King's party following his meeting on March 20, 1968, along with Charles Evers, and King expressed disappointment over the small donations and the lack of enthusiasm.

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On March 20, 1968, confidential source two who also attended the above meeting at the Masonic Temple, furnished substantially the same information. This source stated that there appeared to be few volunteers available to go to Washington, D.C. Source stated that King appeared irritated over the lack of enthusiasm of his crowd at the Masonic Temple for his Washington Spring Project.

On March 20, 1968, the seventh confidential source advised that King expressed disappointment over the lack of enthusiasm and turnout for his speech at the Masonic Lodge on this date.

At 4:16 p.m., March 20, 1968, King, Abernathy, Williams, and Dorothy Cotton departed from Thompson Airport, Jackson, Mississippi, via privately owned plane as described previously, en route to Birmingham, Alabama.

The following circular was distributed in towns where King appeared:

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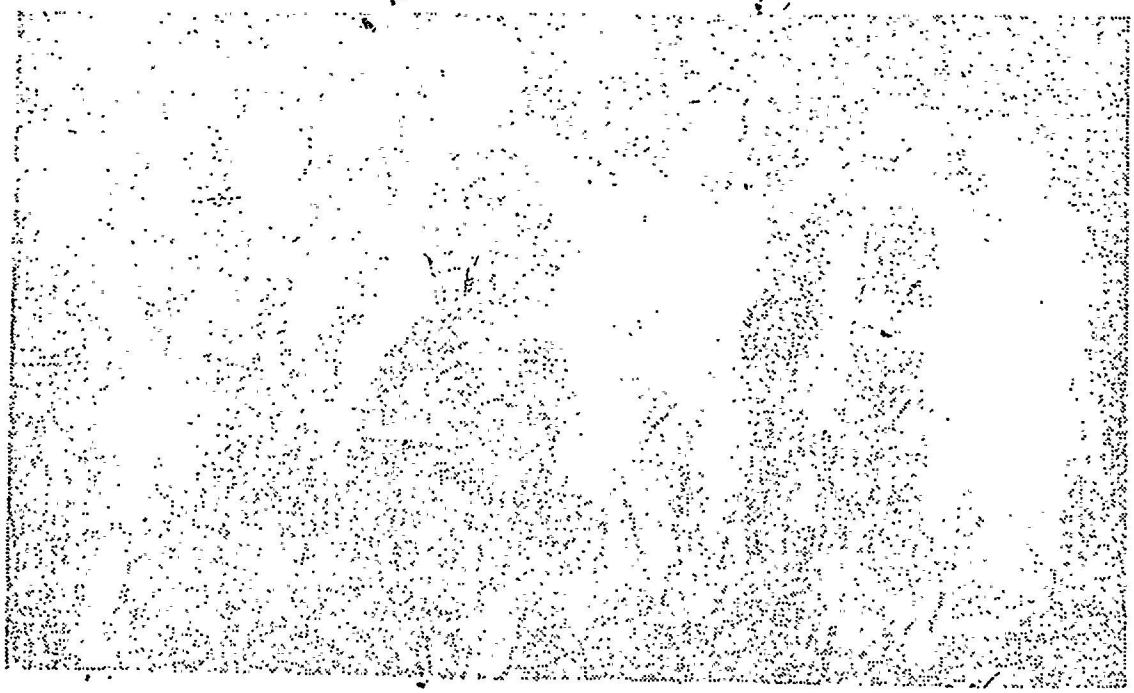
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

invites you to join us in the

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

Washington, D.C. Spring 1968



SCLC

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

the Poor People of America, demands

- Decent Jobs and Income!
- The Right to a Decent Life!

For Information:

Poor People's Campaign
SCLC Mississippi Unit
P.O. Box 577
Grenada, Mississippi 38901

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Concerning Martin Luther King's visit to Mississippi, the following agencies were notified of his travels:

Dewey Weems, Investigator
Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol
Jackson, Mississippi

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives
Jackson Police Department
Jackson, Mississippi

Lee Rogers
Military Intelligence Group
Jackson, Mississippi

Aubrey Howe
Chief of Police
Batesville, Mississippi

Brewer Hays, Chief of Police
Marks, Mississippi

Curtis Lary, Chief of Police
Greenwood, Mississippi

John T. "Pat" Ray, Chief of Police
Grenada, Mississippi

L. C. Nix, Chief of Police
Laurel, Mississippi

Hugh W. Herring, Chief of Police
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Ben C. Collins, Chief of Police
Clarksdale, Mississippi

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236)(P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

ReBHtel to Bureau, 3/20/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information concerning Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s speech at Eutaw, Alabama, on 3/20/68.

This letterhead memorandum has been disseminated locally to the U. S. Attorney, Secret Service, and military intelligence agencies.

For information of the SOURCE Bureau, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] and T-2 is [redacted]
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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
March 21, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
SPEECH BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT EUTAW, ALABAMA, MARCH 20, 1968

On March 20, 1968, District Attorney Ralph R. Banks, Greene County, Alabama, advised that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived in Eutaw, Alabama, at approximately 5:15 p.m., March 20, 1968, and spoke to a crowd of approximately 400 Negroes at the First African Baptist Church. Banks advised that King arrived by plane which left soon afterwards and headed toward Marion, Alabama. King spoke for approximately 40 minutes and then traveled enroute to Greensboro, Alabama, via car.

On March 20, 1968, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 advised that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke to a crowd of about 400 to 500 Negroes at the First African Baptist Church in Eutaw, Alabama, on March 20, 1968. T-1 advised that King spoke about the upcoming demonstration in Washington, D.C., scheduled for April 26, 1968. Source advised that King stated that the "poor people" needed more help from the federal government and called for President Johnson to reduce spending in Vietnam and utilize these funds for the Negroes. T-1 advised that King expected approximately 500,000 persons in Washington, D.C., for this demonstration and urged all who could attend to do so. Source advised that King stated his organization would pay all necessary expenses and that they would not leave Washington, D.C., until Congress acted in their behalf.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
SPEECH BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., AT EUTAW, ALABAMA,
MARCH 20, 1968

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2 advised on March 20, 1968, that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived in Eutaw, Alabama, at approximately 5:15 p.m. and spoke to a crowd of approximately 500 Negroes. T-2 advised that King spoke for approximately 35 to 40 minutes and then left via car toward Greensboro, Alabama. This source furnished substantially the same information as furnished by T-1 above.

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KING, JR., AT EUTAW, ALABAMA,
MARCH 20, 1968

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead memorandum, dated
March 21, 1968, at Birmingham,
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229)(P)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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OO: Atlanta

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 3/18/68.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) pertaining to the visit of Dr. KING in Los Angeles area from 3/16 - 18/68.

The source mentioned in the details of the LHM is identified as [redacted], who furnished the information orally to SA T. M. GARDNER on 3/17/68.

The LHM is being classified as "Confidential" because of information furnished by the above source, which if revealed, could lead to his identification and compromise an informant of continuing value.

The Los Angeles Division will ascertain if Dr. KING made contact with any other individuals while he was in Los Angeles.

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A copy of this airtel and LHM is being furnished San Francisco and Memphis Divisions in view of their interest in Dr. KING.

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Los Angeles, California,
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Lieutenant H. H. Fair, Anaheim Police Department, Anaheim, California, advised March 14, 1968, that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled to address the convention of the California Democratic Council at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California, at noon on Saturday, March 16, 1968.

Lieutenant H. H. Fair, supra, advised on March 16, 1968, that Dr. King appeared at a press conference at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California, that date. He stated that he never endorsed any presidential candidate, but spoke highly of Senator Eugene Mc Carthy, Minnesota, and indicated that he might endorse him as a presidential candidate in the 1968 election, claiming that he is passive, non-violent but militant against poverty and the Vietnam War.

Lieutenant Fair, supra, stated that Dr. King also appeared as the main speaker at the luncheon of the California Democratic Council which was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on the same date. Dr. King stated that if the Government would do something about Negro poverty in the winter time there would be less likelihood of summer violence. He also indicated that there would be a march on Washington, D. C., in April 1968 and the participants will conduct a "stay-in" at Governmental offices until the end of the congressional session to protest Negro poverty. He stated that it was ridiculous to spend money to kill Vietnamese in Vietnam and not help underpriveleged Negroes.

Lieutenant Fair, supra, stated that King left Anaheim at 2:30 p.m. for an unknown appointment in Los Angeles.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 17, 1968, that Dr. King spoke at an Elk's Club somewhere in Los Angeles on the afternoon of March 16, 1968. There he received donations for the Washington Spring Project in the amount of $6,000, in cash and an undisclosed amount in checks.

The "Los Angeles Times", a daily newspaper published in Los Angeles, California, in its issue of March 17, 1968, carried an article which quoted Dr. King while he was in Anaheim, California, on March 16, 1968. He stated, "The problem is the Government has many programs but nothing has been done." He stated that the spring demonstrations which he will begin in Washington, D. C., on April 22, 1968, are to appeal to the conscience of Congress to escalate the war on poverty and racism and de-escalate the war in Vietnam.

Officer J. Fredericks, Airport Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, advised on March 18, 1968, that Dr. King was staying at the Hyatt House Hotel, 5547 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, and would be leaving Los Angeles for New Orleans and Memphis about noon on March 18, 1968, via National Airlines.

The "Los Angeles Times", previously mentioned, in its issue of March 18, 1968, indicated that Dr. King had spoken at the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles On Sunday, March 17, 1968. He stated that it was time for someone in Washington to admit that a mistake has been made in Vietnam and that this nation is involved in a "senseless, reckless, immoral and unwinnable war." He also indicated white racism is "still a glaring reality in our country" and that Congress, dominated by the rural South "stands as a stubborn force in the way of social progress."

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Reference - Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/20/68

The attached relates to Washington Spring Project, Martin Luther King's effort to create poor peoples' demonstration Washington, D. C., April, 1968.

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of Department, military, Secret Service, and other appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND ATLANTA (100-5586), BIRMINGHAM, AND MOBILE

FROM JACKSON (100-161) (157-9097)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP). RM.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT, RALPH ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, DOROTHY COTTON, DIRECTOR CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL, AND LEON HALL, PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR STATE OF MISS., ALL SCLC, ARRIVED AT THE MT. ZION CHURCH, HATTIESBURG, MISS., AROUND TWELVE THIRTY AM MARCH TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT. KING MADE SHORT SPEECH REGARDING WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT BEFORE CROWD OF SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS. KING THEN CANCELLED RESERVATIONS FOR HIS PARTY AT A HATTIESBURG MOTEL AND DEPARTED HATTIESBURG ARRIVING JACKSON, MISS. THREE FOURTEEN AM. HE SPENT MORNING AT LOCAL MOTEL, JACKSON.

KING AND PARTY ARRIVED AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, JACKSON, TWELVE FORTY-FIVE PM AND HE ADDRESSED CROWD ESTIMATED OF ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED PERSONS.

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JOHN PIERCE, REPORTER, ASSOCIATED PRESS, JACKSON, ADVISED KING AND PARTY WERE GREETED BY CHARLES EVERS, DIRECTOR OF THE NAACP IN THE STATE OF MISS., LAWRENCE GUYOT, CHAIRMAN, MISS. FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY, A PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO POLITICAL PARTY WITHIN THE STATE, AND GERALDINE SMITH, STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. HOSEA WILLIAMS STATED THE SCLC HAD JUST COMPLETED A STRATEGY MEETING AND THE DATE OF THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT PREVIOUSLY SET AS APRIL TWENTY-TWO, WASHINGTON, D.C., HAS BEEN CANCELLED. HE SAID KING, ABERNATHY, ANDREW J. YOUNG, AND OTHER LEADERS OF SCLC WILL GO TO WASHINGTON EITHER APRIL TWENTY-THREE OR TWENTY-FOUR WHERE THEY INTEND TO CONTACT CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, AND EXPECT TO RECEIVE ASSURANCES OF LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THE PLIGHT OF THE NEGRO. THEY WILL PRESENT "SCLC'S ECONOMIC BILL OF RIGHTS TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS."

ON APRIL TWENTY-SEVENTH OR APRIL TWENTY-EIGHTH, THE "BEACHHEAD TROOPS", PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER MISSISSIPPI, WILL ARRIVE IN JACKSON FOR A MAJOR MASS MEETING. THEY WILL THEN

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MARCH THROUGH DOWNTOWN JACKSON AND BOARD BUSES PROVIDED BY SCLC AND WILL LEAVE EN ROUTE TO BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AT BIRMINGHAM THEY WILL MEET A GROUP WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED A MASS MEETING AND MARCH THROUGH BIRMINGHAM AND WILL PROCEED ON TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, COLUMBIA, S.C., DURHAM, N.C., RICHMOND, VA., AND WILL MEET AT A STAGING POINT AT ALEXANDRIA, VA. AT THE SAME TIME GROUPS WILL HAVE DEPARTED FROM BOSTON, DETROIT, CHICAGO, AND PHILADELPHIA, TO STAGING POINTS AROUND BALTIMORE, MD. THEY EXPECT TO HAVE A TOTAL OF THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE IN THIS GROUP WHO WILL STAY IN WASHINGTON FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS. THEN THEY WILL BE REPLACED BY A SECOND GROUP AND THIS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ENOUGH PRESSURE HAS BEEN APPLIED THAT CONGRESS TAKES APPROPRIATE ACTION. THEY WILL BUILD A "CITY OF HOPE, A SHANTYTOWN," IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO HOUSE AND FEED ALL PARTICIPANTS. THEY WILL STAY IN WASHINGTON BY CONTINUING TO SEND WAVES OF PEOPLE UNTIL THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

ABERNATHY AND KING SPOKE BRIEFLY AND ECHOED SAME SENTIMENTS AS WILLIAMS. KING SAID PROFESSIONAL GROUPS, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, AND INDUSTRIALISTS THROUGHOUT THE

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COUNTRY ARE BEING CONTACTED FOR DONATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT. HE DID NOT COMMENT ON HOW MUCH HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING AT JACKSON THIS DATE FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY SAME INFORMATION AS FURNISHED BY MR. PIERCE. THE SOURCE STATED THAT FROM THE EIGHT SPEECHES MADE BY KING AND HIS STAFF IN MISS., ON MARCH NINETEEN AND TWENTY, A TOTAL OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS COLLECTED IN DONATIONS. AT EACH RALLY A DONATION WAS COLLECTED. SOURCE HAD LUNCH WITH KING'S PARTY AFTERNOON THIS DATE ALONG WITH CHARLES EVERS AND KING EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE SMALL DONATIONS AND LACK OF ENTHUSIASM.

A SECOND AND THIRD SOURCE WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE THIS DATE, FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION AS FURNISHED BY MR. PIERCE. THERE APPEARED TO BE FEW VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE TO GO TO WASHINGTON. KING APPEARED IRRITATED OVER THE LACK OF ENTHUSIASM OF HIS CROWD AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE FOR HIS WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT.

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AT FOUR SIXTEEN PM KING, ABERNATHY, WILLIAMS, AND COTTON DEPARTED JACKSON FROM THOMPSON AIRPORT VIA A CESSNA, FOUR ZERO SIX TWIN ENGINE PLANE, WHITE WITH BALCK STRIPES, NUMBER N THREE TWO TWO THREE Q. FLIGHT PLAN FILED WITH FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY REVEALS HE IS TRAVELING TO BIRMINGHAM, EUTAW, AND GREENVILLE, ALA.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED OF DETAILS AND ALSO STATED THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH KING'S VISIT TO MISS. THE PAST TWO DAYS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REJNTEL MARCH NINETEEN AT ELEVEN FIFTY NINE PM AND JN PHONE CALLS TO BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE THIS DATE.

BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE FOLLOW KING'S ACTIVITIES, ADVISE BUREAU, AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

INFORMANTS BEING CONTACTED RE KING'S TRAVELS IN MISS., AND WILL BE SET OUT IN LHM. THE SOURCES MENTIONED ABOVE ARE: FIRST SOURCE [redacted] SECOND SOURCE [redacted] AND THIRD SOURCE [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-41)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-433) (P)

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE
MAJOR URBAN AREAS
WASHINGTON, D. C.
RM

Martin Luther King

Re WFO airtel and LHM of 3/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM captioned as above. Copies are being disseminated to Secret Service, the Assistant United States Attorney and local military intelligence agencies.

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The following is the coverage being utilized by WFO in captioned matter:

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Liaison on a daily basis with the Intelligence Division of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the commanding officers of the MPD precincts, United States Park Police and local military intelligence agencies. Twenty-one Liaison Sources provide coverage of demonstrations by civil rights groups. The CP and related activities are covered by five security informants and ten panel sources. The Nation of Islam is covered by three racial informants, a security informant, and a symbol numbered Probationary Racial Informant (PRI). Racial matters are covered by five racial informants. Regular contacts are had with thirty-nine PRIs who reside in ghetto areas and are employed therein. These have all been informed of the urgent need for immediately furnishing WFO with all information which might show racial tension. Additional investigation is being conducted to develope more PRIs.

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The monitoring of MPD radio calls provides WFO with prompt and timely notice regarding conditions in the various MPD precincts.

All Criminal Informants and Potential Criminal Informants have been advised to immediately call WFO if they obtain any data concerning racial tension.

The Supervisory staff and all Special Agents of WFO have been made aware of the need for being constantly alert to pick up any information related to racial matters. This includes information received from individuals, radio and television news.

The following sources as reported in the attached LHM were contacted as follows:

SOURCE	CONTACTED BY SA
#1, is SOURCE	HILMER H. KREBS
#2, is CONF. SOURCE	JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR.
#3, is CONF. SOURCE	JOHN T. ALDHIZER
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WFO 157-433

The enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" in view of information received from SOURCE (Source number four) which could reasonably result in the identification of this informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness of the informant.

STOKELY CARMICHAEL is on the Rabble Rouser Index, (RRI).

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Washington, D. C. 20535
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POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE
MAJOR URBAN AREAS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

This current document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The information set forth is based on the comments and views of the individuals mentioned herein. These pertained to the racial situation as it existed at the time the comments and views were expressed. The possibility exists that the racial situation in any particular area in Washington, D. C., may change suddenly. Due consideration must be given this fact.

II. GENERAL RACIAL SITUATION

The individuals familiar with conditions existing in the ghetto areas in Washington, D. C., have advised as follows:

The racial situation is very uncertain. People are apprehensive about Dr. Martin Luther King's "poor people's campaign" which he plans to bring to Washington, D. C. (WDC) in April, 1968. Some believe the demonstration will be beneficial and will show the underprivileged that efforts are being expended in their behalf. A riot could happen over some unexpected incident as has happened in other large cities. Stokely Carmichael urged a gathering of people in WDC, on March 17, 1968, to arm themselves and that every black man in the United States should get a gun. Some

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people in WDC are not in sympathy with Dr. King's demonstration plans. WDC leaders are attempting to evaluate the potential of Dr. King's impact on WDC, in April. Howard University students began a sit-in at Howard University on March 19, 1968, protesting possible disciplinary actions against students involved in previous disruptive action on the campus.

III. CURRENT EVALUATION OF VIOLENCE POTENTIAL

Source number one who lives in the Northeast and works in the Northwest sections of WDC, advised as follows on March 11, 1968:

The racial situation in WDC appears to be very uncertain. Nobody knows what is going to happen in WDC and many people are scared. They are not sure what will happen when Dr. Martin Luther King's "poor people's campaign" begins in April. Even though Dr. King has asked the militants to stay out of the activities, there is no assurance the request will be honored.

The March 11, 1968, issue of the "Newsweek" magazine, page 45 contained a paragraph captioned "Washington". It stated Washington had never been considered to be a major racial tinderbox as much of its Negro population works for the Federal government and is insulated by civil service security from the worst chills of black despair. It stated Washington was facing the summer with nervous uncertainty, and Dr. King was bringing 3000 demonstrators to Washington to begin a summer-long campaign of picketing and marching for jobs and income.

The March 12, 1968 issue of "The Evening Star", a daily WDC newspaper, page B-1 reported that District Safety Director Patrick V. Murphy had said the Washington police hoped to train as many as 2,800 volunteers for emergency duty this summer in an enlarged "Police Reserver

Corps". Most of them would be used for station duty and thus free additional policemen during emergencies.

The March 12, 1968 issue of "Washington Afro-American", a Washington, D. C. newspaper, page 12, reported that The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders had said that "Abrasive relationships between police and non-whites have been a major source of rioting in the racial ghettos of American cities".

On March 14, 1968, source number two who works in the ghettos of WDC and is acquainted with many of the under privileged advised as follows:

The "poor people's campaign" which is a demonstration being planned by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has been given the support of a number of the larger religious groups in WDC. The demonstration will show the underprivileged that much effort is being expended in efforts to improve their life. It is believed the demonstration will be beneficial. Plans are being made to have volunteers from among the demonstrators, who will agree to be arrested if necessary. It is not believed that any racial trouble will result from the demonstration.

Source number two further advised as follows:

Stokely Carmichael is in Washington, D. C. and has organized the Black United Front, (BUF), but it is not believed that Carmichael will have much support from BUF members if Carmichael decides to create violence in WDC. The majority of the BUF members are not expected to support any plans for racial violence.

On March 14, 1968, source number three who resides in the Northwest section of WDC advised as follows:

It is his belief that a riot could take place in WDC over some unexpected incident such as the arrest of a Negro. This has happened in the past in other large cities. Other than the above situation, the conditions are such that the source is optimistic about a riot-free summer in WDC.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Source number four who resides and works in the ghetto areas of Northwest WDC, advised as follows on March 18, 1968:

On March 17, 1968, Stokely Carmichael gave a talk at The Church of The Redeemer, 15th and Girard Streets, N. E., WDC at the invitation of the Fellowship Forum of the church. Among other things, Carmichael said the black people in the United States must connect with the 900 million black people of the "third world" to liberate themselves from the control of the white man. He described the "third world" as including the black people of Cuba, West Indies, Haiti, South America and Africa. He said the United States is planning genocide against the Negroes and for this reason Negroes should arm themselves. He said he did not mean a .22 caliber either. He advocated that every black man in the United States get a gun. He stated that if Negroes obtained an arsenal, relations between whites and blacks would be equal.

Source number four further stated as follows:

Carmichael said he realized many black people do not agree with his ideology and that there are many "Uncle Toms" in the community. Carmichael said his group proposes that if they develop information about a person "being that way", someone will talk to that person and attempt to change his mind and "if he does not change his ways, he will be considered a traitor to his community and all traitors die". Carmichael said black people should support the Arabs in any conflict between the Arabs and the Israelis. He said the WDC Public School System is 93% Negro and the curriculum must be changed to be more relative to the Negro community.

The March 18, 1968, issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald", newspaper on page B-3 reported that Stokely Carmichael had spoken to a racially mixed audience on March 17, 1968 at The Church of The Redeemer, WDC. Among Carmichael's comments to the group were "We are advocating simply that every black man in this country should get a gun. The only reason the honkie (white man) is able to rule is because he has a gun".

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The March 18, 1968 issue of "The Evening Star", a daily WDC newspaper on page B-3, reported that the District chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had voted to support the goals of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's "Poor People's Campaign".

Source number five who lives and works in the Northwest section of WDC, on March 18, 1968, advised as follows:

It is believed there are some individuals in WDC who may be inclined toward the creation of racial trouble in WDC, but these are not likely to initiate any actions toward the starting of trouble. The feeling among many in the Northwest ghetto is that in order for the "poor people's campaign" to be successful, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will have to bring in outsiders for his reported "civil disobedience" in WDC. In the event large numbers of outsiders are brought in, their behavior will be very difficult to control. Therefore anything may happen.

Source number one further advised as follows on March 18, 1968:

In the Northeast area near the source's residence, there has been a lack of enthusiasm by the WDC citizens for Dr. King's "poor people's campaign". These people are not in sympathy with Dr. King's plans as they fail to see that any benefits may result from any demonstration involving civil disobedience.

Source number six who resides in Northwest WDC and is employed in a Northwest ghetto area, advised as follows on March 18, 1968:

The foremost concern of people in WDC is the unknown potential for racial trouble which could take place when Dr. Martin Luther King and his "poor people's campaign" begins in WDC in April 1968. Many leaders of organizations in WDC are attempting to evaluate the current and future potential of Dr. King's impact on the racial scene of WDC. These leaders are very concerned and are trying to determine what response WDC citizens may give Dr. King.

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Source number seven who resides in the Northeast section of WDC and has a wide acquaintanceship in WDC advised as follows on March 19, 1968:

On March 19, 1968 at about 1:30 PM about fifty to seventy-five students began a sit-in in the lobby of the Administration Building, at Howard University to protest possible disciplinary action against students who had participated in previous disruptive activity on the campus.

On March 19, 1968, Sergeant Silas Vaughn, Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, advised that at about 4:45 PM, on March 19, 1968, approximately one hundred and fifty students were engaging in a sit-in in the Administration Building, Howard University and planned to remain all night. According to Sergeant Vaughn, Stokely Carmichael appeared briefly at the building, but did not participate in the sit-in and then departed.

THEFTS OF GUNS AND AMMUNITION

Source number eight who is employed in the Northwest section of WDC, on March 18 and 19, 1968 advised as follows:

The source has received at least 50 or more handguns of various types including automatic pistols, snub-nosed weapons and weapons with a long barrel, from an individual employed in WDC. The guns have been obtained from the Fall of 1967 to the present time. These were stolen guns.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND ATLANTA (100-5586)

FROM JACKSON (100-161) (157-9097)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP). RM.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT SCLC; RALPH ABERNATHY, VICE-PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC; AND HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC, ARRIVED MARCH NINETEEN INSTANT AT MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, BATESVILLE, MISS., AT ELEVEN A.M., FROM MEMPHIS. SPOKE TO GROUP OF ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED PERSONS, DEPARTED ONE TWENTY P.M. ARRIVED AT VALLEY QUEEN BAPTIST CHURCH, MARKS, MISS., AT ONE FORTY FIVE P.M., SMALL GATHERING AT MARKS, DEPARTED MARKS AT TWO TEN P.M. SPOKE AT ABOVE CHURCHES RE WSP MARCH.

INDIVIDUALS ARRIVED CLARKSDALE, MISS., THREE FIFTEEN P.M. THIS DATE, SPOKE TO SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE AT CHAPEL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, DEPARTING FOUR THIRTY P.M. EN ROUTE GREENWOOD, MISS.

AT CLARKSDALE A SHOW OF HANDS WAS REQUESTED REGARDING THOSE WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN WSP FROM CLARKSDALE AREA TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND TWO PERSONS RAISED HANDS.

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ARRIVED GREENWOOD, MISS., FIVE THIRTYEIGHT P.M. IN CESSNA FOUR ONE ONE, PRIVATELY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT. SPOKE AT JENNINGS TEMPLE CHURCH, GREENWOOD BEFORE APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS. DEPARTED GREENWOOD SEVEN TEN P.M. VIA PRIVATE PLANE EN ROUTE TO GRENADA, MISS.

ARRIVED GRENADA, MISS., AT SEVEN TWENTY P.M., SPOKE AT BELL FLOWER BAPTIST CHURCH, GRENADA, BEFORE AUDIENCE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED PERSONS. DEPARTED GRENADA, MISS. AT EIGHT FORTYFIVE P.M. EN ROUTE TO LAUREL, MISS.

KING AND PARTY ARRIVED LAUREL, MISS, NINE FORTYONE P.M. AND SPOKE TO GROUP AT ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH. DEPARTED LAUREL ELEVEN ZERO ONE P.M. EN ROUTE TO HATTIESBURG, MISS. WHERE GROUP INTENDS TO SPEND THE NIGHT.

DURING ALL ABOVE SPEECHES KING STATED THAT HE MUST HAVE VOLUNTEERS FROM MISS. FOR HIS WSP "POOR PEOPLES MARCH", WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL TWENTYTWO NEXT. STATED SUCCESS OF THIS MARCH DEPENDS UPON COOPERATION OF PEOPLE AS PARTICIPANTS FROM MISS. TO THIS MARCH.

KING AT ALL CITIES TOLD GROUPS THEY SHOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT FOOD AND FINANCES AS "WE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU IN WASHINGTON." HE

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PSGE THREE

SAID "WE WILL BUILD OUR OWN TOWN IN WASHINGTON AND WE MUST HAVE A LARGE DELIGATION FROM MISS."

APPROPRIATE LOCAL AND STATE AGENCIES AT ABOVE LISTED CITIES WHERE KING APPEARED STATED NO INCIDENTS REPORTED RE KING'S VISIT.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

JACKSON INFORMANTS ATTENDED MEETINGS AND DETAILS WILL BE OBTAINED AND FURNISHED BUREAU IN LHM.

BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED MARCH TWENTY, NEXT OF KINGS DEPARTURE AND ITINERARY.

KING WILL VISIT JACKSON AND MEET WITH DELIGATION AROUND ELEVEN THIRTY A.M. BEFORE DEPARTING MISS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: WFO)

There are enclosed for SOURCE the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 3/19/68, concerning the Washington Spring Project. This information was developed during a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL.

For the information of the Bureau, during the above conversation, WACHTEL asked if LEVISON knew that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had called MARTIN LUTHER KING before he announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. He added, however, that they missed each other but that "he"

ENCLOSURE

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RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

(probably MARTIN LUTHER KING) spoke to BURKE MARSHALL (ph) and (WILLIAM) VANDEN HEUVEL (an associate of Senator KENNEDY) spoke to WACHTEL. WACHTEL said that "they want to know how far he's going with the other guy and so on". WACHTEL added that "they" did not ask for more than that at the moment. He said that KING agreed, that they must have "off the record" lines open and asked him, WACHTEL, to pursue the matter which WACHTEL agreed to do.

WACHTEL said that KING agreed with his suggestion that maybe this time "we" have to use them instead of vice versa.

The sources used in this LHM are SOURCE to characterize STANLEY LEVISON and NY 1190-S* and the SOURCE in WFO report of SA JOHN WALSH dated 7/19/50, re: "NLG, IS - C", to characterize HARRY WACHTEL.

Three copies of this LHM are being sent to the 108th INTC Group, NYC, and one copy each to the Naval Investigative Service, and OSI.

This LHM is classified "SECRET" because it contains information from SOURCE a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "SECRET" because it contains a concentration of information from SOURCE in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
March 20, 1968

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Washington Spring Project
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 19, 1968, that on that date Stanley Levison contacted Harry Wachtel. Levison, referring to Martin Luther King's Washington, D.C. spring campaign, told Wachtel that the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy passed a generalized resolution on the (Vietnam) war and specifically endorsed the Washington campaign. He added that Tudja Crowder, whom he described as the new Executive Director of Sane, had contacted him and wanted to have a meeting on March 20, 1968, with a small group of the Sane Directors to have them briefed by someone from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to see how they can tie in. Levison felt this was important and said that, if there is an element of the peace movement they might get to join "this" (the Washington Project), it will be Sane.

Levison also mentioned that the Washington Jewish Community Council had endorsed the Washington Spring Campaign because Andrew Young, the Executive Vice President of the SCLC, had told them that the SCLC would notify the Police on anything they did. Levison questioned how Young could have promised this since he and Young had discussed how the building of "shanty towns"

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would have to be done at night without anyone knowing it. He added that a person who had attended a non-black minority conference (the 53 non -Negro minority group organizations, representatives from which met in Atlanta, Georgia, March 14, 1968, with Martin Luther King to plan for King's "Poor People's Campaign" campaign in Washington, D.C.) stated that "they" specifically said "they" were not going to notify the Police. Levison, apparently alluding to the Jewish Community Council, said it was left on the basis that there is a general sentiment to endorse the objectives but they would like to know more clearly what is going to be done and why. He said this is good because this is the Jewish establishment.

Levison described the Washington Jewish Community Council as the leaders of the Jewish Community Councils all over the country, all of whom are Democrats and "tied into the machines".

Levison referred to Jack Greenberg (Director of the Legal Defense and Education Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) stating that Greenberg, in his opinion, had come up with the best publicity idea thus far and that is to transport a cabin, which people live in, in Mississippi, to Washington, D.C. and present it as a gift to the Smithsonian Institute as showing the manner in which people live in America in 1968. Levison said that he, Levison, is pushing the "shanty town thing" but that Greenberg's idea is better. He added that he intends to see that Greenberg's suggestion is carried out.

Levison noted that their target in the Washington project is full employment. He said a victory in terms of "countable" jobs would be magnificent for King.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), in July, 1963.

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Harry Wachtel is the Exeeutive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information in December, 1949, that Harry H. Wachtel, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on a list of indiyiduals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which revealed that the name Harry Wachtel was on a list of names, significance not known , which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party (CP) at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife, Lenora, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed that her name and address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County CP.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr. is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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Washington Spring Project

1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670), ATLANTA (100-5586), MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (100-161)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C.

RE JACKSON TELCALL TO MEMPHIS, THIS DATE AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, MARCH EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

DELTA AIRLINES, FLIGHT FIVE SIX SIX, ARRIVED JACKSON, MISS., MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, SEVEN THIRTEEN P.M., THIS DATE AND DEPARTED FOR MEMPHIS, TENN. AT SEVEN THIRTYTHREE P.M.

DR. KING, PRESIDENT AND ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VP OF SCLC WERE NOT OBERVED LEAVING PLANE. NO NEGROES DEPARTED FLIGHT AT JACKSON.

JACKSON SOURCES INDICATE KING PLANS TO RETURN TO MISS. A.M., MARCH NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, TO TOUR MISS. ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT AND EXPECTED TO STAY THROUGH MARCH ~~TWNTISFP~~ TWENTY

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY PHONE, THIS DATE.

MEMPHIS ADVISE JACKSON RETURN DEPARTURE TIME FOR JACKSON.

LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED.

JACKSON WILL ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICES WHEN KING DEPARTS MISS., MARCH TWENTY NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN., RM.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU MARCH ONE EIGHT INSTANT CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED AT NOON MARCH ONE EIGHT INSTANT THAT INFORMATION HAD COME TO HIS ATTENTION DURING THE MORNING OF THIS DATE SUGGESTING THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WILL ENDEAVOR TO BE IN MEMPHIS, TENN., LATE AFTERNOON MARCH ONE EIGHT INSTANT. SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS.

INFORMATION FROM SOURCE [redacted] MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. MEMPHIS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM: LOS ANGELES (100-57229) 2 P

MARTIN LUTHER KING; SM - C.

ANAHEIM CALIFORNIA PD ADVISED TODAY KING APPEARED PRESS CONFERENCE DISNEYLAND HOTEL, ANAHEIM STATING HE NEVER ENDORSED ANY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. SPOKE HIGHLY OF SENATOR EUGENE MC CARTHY STATING HE MIGHT ENDORSE HIM AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ELECTION. CLAIMED HE IS PASSIVE, NON-VIOLENT BUT MILITANT AGAINST POVERTY AND VIETNAM WAR. ALSO APPEARED AS SPEAKER AT CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL LUNCHEON, ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER. KING STATED IF U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT NEGRO POVERTY IN WINTER THERE WOULD BE LESS LIKELIHOOD OF SUMMER VIOLENCE. STATED THERE WILL BE MARCH ON WASHINGTON D.C. APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND PARTICIPANTS WILL CONDUCT "STAY-IN" AT GOVERNMENT OFFICES UNTIL END OF CONGRESSIONAL SESSION TO PROTEST NEGRO POVERTY. STATED RIDICULOUS TO SPEND

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cc. Dwales

Dwales advised 1:00 PM PST 3-17-68

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MONEY TO KILL VIETNAMESE IN VIETNAM AND NOT HELP UNDERPRIVELEGED NEGRO.

KING LEFT ANAHEIM TWO THIRTY PM FOR UNKNOWN APPOINTMENT IN LOS ANGELES. ANAHEIM PD ADVISED BY LAPD INTELLIGENCE KING LEAVES LOS ANGELES FOR NEW ORLEANS MARCH EIGHTEEN NEXT AT TWELVE THIRTY PM ON NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THIRTY FOUR.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

AIRTEL AND LHM FOLLOWS.

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Date: 3/15/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-31418)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Detroit airtels and LHMs to the Bureau, dated 3/8/68 and 3/12/68, and Detroit teletype to the Bureau and other offices, dated 3/15/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies, Atlanta two copies, and one each for information purposes to Los Angeles, New Orleans and Jackson, of an LHM re above matter.

Source #1 is CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE [redacted] (protect by request). Source #2 is [redacted] SOURCE

Itinerary concerning KING's future travel were set forth in referenced Detroit teletype.

While in Detroit, Mich., KING is residing in a suite of rooms at the Statler Hotel, Detroit.

The LHM is classified confidential to protect the identity of the sources utilized.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Detroit, Michigan
March 15, 1968

Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Source Number One, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised of the following information relating to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s appearance at Grosse Pointe High School, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, on March 14, 1968:

King's appearance was arranged and sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Human Relations Council. Prior to and during King's appearance, approximately 200 pickets from Breakthrough demonstrated in front of Grosse Pointe High School.

Source Number Two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that Breakthrough is an ultra-conservative group under the direction of Donald Lobsinger, which group passes out literature and demonstrates against various left wing as well as Communist sponsored affairs held in the Detroit area.

Source Number One stated King's speech dealt primarily with the future integration in the United States. He continually stressed his position of non-violence and elaborated at length on the social problems facing the Negro in America today.

During the course of the speech King, in passing, briefly mentioned his plans for a Washington, D.C. camp-in in April, 1968. He stated he wanted it understood his plan is not to "tie up and shut down" the City of Washington, D.C.,

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but he is using this action to "dramatize the plight of the poverty stricken Negro". He did not further elaborate nor give any detailed plans for the recruiting or the techniques he would be using to bring about success in this project.

During King's speech Donald Lobsinger, supra, was ejected from the meeting because of his heckling of King. He refered to King as a "traitor" because of his views on the conduct of the Vietnam war. Also two or three other individuals allegedly affiliated with Breakthrough, were escorted from the meeting for heckling and causing a disturbance. The individuals ejected were not permitted to re-enter the meeting.

Source advised that King was warmly received by those present which numbered in excess of 2,500 people. He stated the group was composed of predominately white people with a smattering of Negro people in attendance.

Source Number One further added that other than the above minor disturbances, King's appearance at Grosse Pointe High School was without serious incident.

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[redacted] URGENT 3-15-68 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM. BUREAU FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT, ATLANTA FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO NINE TWO FOUR.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, BUREAU FILE ONE HUNDRED - ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO, ATLANTA FILE ONE HUNDRED - FIVE FIVE EIGHT SIX.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL AND LHM MARCH ONE LAST CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

ON NIGHT MARCH FOURTEEN LAST SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED THAT DURING SCLC STAFF MEETING MARCH THIRTEEN LAST MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., EXPRESSED DESIRE TO AVOID MAKING PENDING TRIP TO AFRICA. HE SAID HE FELT WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT REQUIRED CONTINUED ATTENTION ON HIS PART. ALSO SAID HE CONTEMPLATED HAVING RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC, GO TO UKYICA IN HIS PLACE. KING STATED HE DID NOT KNOW IF HE COULD AVOID MAKING AFRICAN TRIP BUT

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INTENDED TO TRY. INFORMANT COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS AT THIS TIME.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)
(ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-2298)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM

Re Newark airtel, 3/8/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

CONF. SOURCE — RELATIVE OF CONF. SOURCE

The source referred to in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] brother of [redacted] of the Newark Office. [redacted] is a prominent Catholic layman and is presently Newark Archdiocesan President of the National Council of Catholic Men and it was in this capacity that he received the material described in attached LHM.

SOURCE

Enclosed for offices listed below are two copies of above described LHM for their information.

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C. C. Bishop

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted] OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted] DIA

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ANALYSIS

Information just developed by Newark showing the utilization in this division of a Roman Catholic Negro parish and its facilities is so recent that a current analysis cannot be made.

Newark will follow this development closely through established sources.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Newark, New Jersey
March 15, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the Nation's Capital the first week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

A source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information made available on March 15, 1968, a letter dated March 9, 1968, which reads as follows:

ENCLOSURE

157-8428-358

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Newark Area Headquarters
44 Belmont Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

March 9, 1968

Dear Sir,

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has announced that he will lead a "poor peoples' campaign" in Washington, D.C. this spring. This campaign will demand that the Congress of the United States take immediate action to provide jobs or income for the nation's more than 60 million poor. As you must well know, the question of poverty is the crucial issue facing this country today. It threatens to literally tear the United States apart at the seams. Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference feel that the clergy has a moral obligation to take the lead in the quest of social justice and to reweave the moral fabric of this nation. The job is massive and the time is short, we must act now. I'm sure that that point isn't debatabe. The question is, what can we do? Dr. King has dispatched organizers into fifteen major urban areas across the nation to bring poor people to Washington in April, 1968. They need your assistance to do their job. Attached is a leaflet designating who the SCLC representative is in your area and where you can get in touch with him.

Please call him for further information.

Herman Jenkins

Rev. Herman Jenkins, SCLC
Organizer

Southern Christian Leadership Conference Atlanta Ga.

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RACIAL MATTERS

The leaflet attached to Herman Jenkins letter dated March 9, 1968, is as follows:

Join the POOR PEOPLE'S WASHINGTON CAMPAIGN



APRIL, 1968

SPONSORED BY THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT

The Poor People's Washington Campaign is being organized as a last resort in awakening Congress to the needs of this nation's poor - both black and white. The goal of this campaign is for congressional action to help millions of America's poor people of every race and creed.

The smoldering anger rising in the poor of this nation can be channeled into an effective militant movement in Washington and elsewhere.

Rev. Herman Jenkins has been dispatched to Newark by Dr. King to co-ordinate and organize the poor people of Newark for this campaign.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:

Rev. Herman Jenkins, SCLC organize

Queen of Angels
44 Belmont Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07103
Call 248-0545 or 824-1614

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

The current telephone directory covering Newark, New Jersey, shows that telephone numbers 248-0545 and 824-1614 are both assigned to Monsignor Thomas J. Carey, of Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church. Monsignor Carey is the pastor of Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church located at 44 Belmont Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, in the heart of the Central Ward of Newark. Queen of Angels Church ministers primarily to the Negro population in the Central Ward area. All the priests assigned to this parish are white.

The attached page sets forth more detailed data relative to this project.

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Reporting Office	Newark
Names of individuals recruiting in your district:	Alfred R. Sampson Herman Jenkins
Address of Headquarters	44 Belmont Avenue, Newark, New Jersey
Known number of individuals recruited to date:	No data
Known names of individuals recruited:	No data
Estimated number of individuals recruited:	No data
Number of buses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity:	No data
Number of private cars to participate:	No data
Identity of driver; make; model and license numbers of cars to participate:	No data
Route cars are scheduled to use:	No data
Areas buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D.C.:	No data
Address Demonstrators are to report to upon arrival:	No data
Remarks:	No additional pertinent information.

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FBI

Date: 3/12/68

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (157-2246) P

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
(OO:WFO)

D. Dawson

Re Richmond airtel 3/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, for WFO, Jackson, Birmingham and Mobile 2 copies each of LHM regarding activities in the Richmond - Petersburg, Va., area in connection with captioned project.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished Jackson, Atlanta, Birmingham and Mobile since additional information is contained herein regarding the possibility of persons from Alabama and Mississippi coming to the Richmond area to participate in Washington Spring Project (WSP).

One copy of this LHM is being furnished locally to U. S. Secret Service and 109th MIG, Richmond, Va., and to USNISO, Norfolk, Va., via FD-342.

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Source used in LHM is [redacted] CONF. SOURCE who is protected because requested. He has been previously identified by a reliable Atlanta informant as Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Field Representative in Va.

ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Encl. 11)(REGISTERED MAIL)
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2 - WFO (Encl. 2)(157-1395)(REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Atlanta (157-2924)(Encl. 2)(REGISTERED MAIL)
4 - Richmond
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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~CNI~~, OSI; SEC. SER: ~~[illegible]~~ IDIU, [illegible], RAO

DATE FORW: 3/27/68

HOW FORW: RIS

BY: Sent DMW/CS M Per

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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: [illegible] Special Agent in Charge

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RH 157-2246

It is noted the enclosed LHM indicates information received from a first and second source when in fact these sources are the same person. This is done to further protect the source since it is anticipated that in the future considerable information will be attributed to him which can be recognized as coming only from Headquarters of SCLC.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Richmond, Virginia

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

March 12, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 5, 1968, that James Gibson, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Representative from National Headquarters of SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, is presently attempting to recruit participants for the Washington Spring Project (WSP) in the Virginia Counties of Amelia, Brunswick and Lunenberg.

A characterization of SCLC is attached hereto.

It is stated this recruiting drive, aimed at attracting persons in the hard-core unemployed and low income employed groups, has not been too successful. Persons approached have been asked to attend and participate in captioned activities at Washington, D.C. A lack of funds needed to obtain the required transportation is a major problem.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that the participation of people from Mississippi and Alabama in WSP in the Richmond - Petersburg, Virginia, area, is still in a very nebulous planning stage.

It appears that Leon Hall, Greneta, Mississippi, is actively engaged in the formulation of such plans. These tentative plans call for a march by these persons with persons from Petersburg, Virginia, from Petersburg to Richmond, Virginia. This march is to be conducted on or about April 22, 1968, the announced date that a SCLC sponsored march from Baltimore, Maryland, to Washington, D.C., will take place as a kick-off for WSP.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On March 4, 1968, Reverend Everett E. Smith, Richmond, Virginia, a member of the State Board of Virginia of SCLC, advised he has been in close contact with Dr. Martin Luther King regarding plans for the latter's visit to Virginia on March 30, 1968. These plans, which are subject to change, are that Dr. King will visit Danville, Virginia, and Prince Edward County, Virginia, on the latter date. He will appear at a rally held at a Negro church in Richmond, Virginia, later in the day of March 30, 1968. According to Reverend Smith, the purpose of Dr. King's visit to Virginia is to stimulate interest and participation in the WSP as well as to promote the interest and growth of SCLC.

Reverend Smith and other sources, who are in a position to learn of activities in connection with WSP. have advised generally that they do not anticipate that promotion of WSP will be too successful in the Richmond area. They based their opinions on past experiences in this type or activity. They advised these have not been too successful in the past, describing race relations in the Richmond area as good.

They pointed out that there exists in Richmond a "middle-class complacency" that has prevented a concerted or mass united effort in the promotion of activities designed to better the conditions of Negroes in the community. This "complacency", they feel, is based on the fact there are jobs for Negroes, and this group is, compared to other areas, economically well off. They pointed out, further, that Negroes have been and are being hired in City jobs and in other positions formerly available only to persons of the white race.

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APPENDIX

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

The November 19, 1960 issue of "The Richmond Times-Dispatch" reported that approximately sixty Negro church, professional and lay leaders throughout Virginia met on November 18, 1960 in Petersburg, Virginia and organized the Virginia Christian Leadership Conference (VCLC) for the purpose of "Bringing about civil rights for all."

It was pointed out that VCLC is an affiliate of the SCLC of Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of SCLC was reported to "redeem the soul of America by creating the beloved community through organization, by consent of population, for the purpose of creative protest by education, training, developing leadership based on Christian non-violent principles."

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: Director, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (157-2476)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
OO: Washington Field

D. Dawson

Remytels, 3/11, 12/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum. Information copies furnished MI, OSI, NISO, Secret Service, and USA, EDPa.

Confidential Informant PH T-1 is CONF. SOURCE [redacted] who requested his identity not be disclosed outside the Bureau.

Confidential Informant PH T-2 is SOURCE [redacted]

Bureau will be kept advised.

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2 - Baltimore (Encs. 2)
2 - Boston (Encs. 2)
2 - Newark (Encs. 2)
2 - New York (Encs. 2)
2 - Washington Field (Encs. 2)
2 - Philadelphia (157-2476)
1 - 157-[illegible] (D. J. Taylor)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 12, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the nation's Capitol the first week of April 1968 (subsequently changed to April 22, 1968) in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

Confidential Informant PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised March 11, 1968, that the Rev. JAMES ORANGE, SCLC Director in Philadelphia, said that date that KING would be in Africa for about 10 days early in April 1968. KING upon his return to the United States would come to Philadelphia to rest and make further preparations for the Washington Spring Project, which is now scheduled to take place April 22, 1968, in Washington, D.C. KING is concerned about the safety of his followers and KING's people are concerned about his safety. Present plans according to ORANGE state that participants in the march will leave from their respective cities and join other groups as they pass through cooperating cities en route to Washington, D.C., to arrive at Washington, D.C., April 22, 1968.

The Philadelphia contingent will join the group which would originate in Boston, Mass., April 19 or 20, 1968, which would increase as this original group went to New York City by bus, walked through the city of New York joined by others; walked to Newark through the city with additional Newark people; then by bus to Trenton, N.J., through the city with additional participants and then by bus to Philadelphia.

KING would join the group in North Philadelphia and walk through the city to the airport at the southwest

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extremity of the City of Philadelphia. KING would then leave the group and fly to Washington, D.C., while the marchers would walk on to Chester, Pa., picking up additional people during the walk and thence by bus to Wilmington, Del. The enlarged group would then walk through Wilmington and then go by bus to Baltimore, Md., where they would walk through town and then ride by bus to the outskirts of Washington, D.C. They would then be led through Washington, D.C., by KING to the "cherry blossom" area. The entire group joined by others from the rest of the United States would camp in Washington, D.C., until Congress meets KING's demand.

Confidential Informant PH T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 11, 1968, that he had been to SCLC Philadelphia Headquarters and the general conversation of the office personnel indicates that the staff is not receiving an enthusiastic response to the project in the city. He said, however, this is his opinion and only based on his conversation with the staff.

On March 12, 1968, PH T-1 advised that ORANGE on that date stated that HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC leader presently assigned Washington, D.C., and one of KING's top lieutenants, would be in Philadelphia March 15, 1968, to make further and finalize plans for WSP for the Philadelphia contingent. ORANGE had talked of a tentative route to march through Philadelphia; however, ORANGE is not allowed to make definite plans without the approval from top level SCLC personnel.

The attached sheet sets forth additional data relative to WSP.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reporting office: Philadelphia

Names of individuals recruiting in your district:

JAMES ORANGE, Project Director
WILLIE TABB, Student Director
D.J. TAYLOR, Office Administrator
CAROL TABB, Field Secretary

Address of Headquarters: 2101 Diamond Street

Known number of individuals recruited to date: No numbers known

Known names of individuals recruited:

TAYLOR, mentioned above, is Philadelphia resident

Estimated number of individuals recruited:

Impossible at this time to make reasonable estimate.

Number of buses and other commercial type transportation chartered and total capacity:

ORANGE previously talked of two buses with 50 passenger capacity.

Number of private cars to participate:

Nothing of this nature stated by ORANGE

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Identity of driver; make, model, and license numbers of cars to participate:

Not known

Route cars are scheduled to use:

Not known (ORANGE indicated Boston, Mass.; New York City, N.Y.; Newark, N.J.; Trenton, N.J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Chester, Pa.; Wilmington, Del.; Baltimore, Md.; and Washington, D.C.)

Areas buses and drivers are to discharge passengers upon arrival in Washington, D.C.:

"cherry blossom" area

Address demonstrators are to report to upon arrival:

Not known.

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FBI

Date: 3/12/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304) (P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re Cleveland airtel and letterhead memorandum to Bureau, 3/1/68, and Bureau form 0-7 to Cleveland, 3/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM regarding the WSP; copies are also being sent to Atlanta for its file on WSP, Cominfil SCLC and MARTIN LUTHER KING, and to Cincinnati and WFO for their files on WSP.

Copies are also being sent to the U.S. Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio; Secret Service, Cleveland; and local military intelligence agencies.

C. C. - Bishop

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3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3) (RM)
(1 - 100-5718, Cominfil SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586, MARTIN LUTHER KING)
2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Washington Field (Enc. 2) (RM)
8 - Cleveland
(1 - 100-26791 Cominfil SCLC)
(1 - 157-293 MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 157-263 Possible Racial Violence)
(1 - 157-1319 MICHAEL BIBLER)
(1 - 157-1320 E. RANDEL OSBURN)
(1 - 170-39)

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DATE FORW: 3/19/68

HOW FORW: RIS

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DMW/cc

1cc AT4 LHM 806940

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

CV 157-1304

Identities of Sources Used in LHM

CV T-1 is [redacted] SOURCE

This LHM is classified confidential as it contains data reported from CV T-1, which could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

PROGRESS REPORT

As of this date information received indicates Rev. E. RANDEL OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER, who are in charge of the WSP in Cleveland, have been spending some of their time on recruiting activities for the WSP, but the bulk of their activity has been on two other projects; namely, Operation Breadbasket and a strike at St. Luke's Hospital of the Building Service and Maintenance Union, which was recently settled. Now that the strike is settled, OSBURN and BIBLER can devote more time to the WSP to recruit the 200 people to travel to Washington, D.C., in April, 1968.

Reportedly Rev. OSBURN is very hopeful of recruiting these 200 people as he does not feel it is a large number to obtain as he has recruited larger numbers of individuals in the past for other projects.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio
March 12, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reference is made to Cleveland memorandum dated February 23, 1968.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the nation's Capital the first week of April, 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

"The Call and Post", a weekly Cleveland Negro newspaper of general circulation in its March 2, 1968 issue, page 4B, the editorial and feature column page, had an article by the editor of the paper, Mr. WILLIAM O. WALKER, captioned, "King Should Reconsider His March on Washington." This article then stated as follows:

"The old cliche is: 'Don't bite off more than you can chew.' I was thinking about this as I read that Dr. Martin Luther King was touring down in Alabama trying to recruit participants for his 'Poor Peoples Campaign,' destined to march on Washington in April.

"When I first heard about Dr. King's proposed march on Washington and his plans for camping his followers in the public parks, I felt he had been ill advised to embark on a project that at best, could be only a publicity gimmick.

"Dr. King, no matter how much compassion he may have for his fellowman, must look at all the facets of the problem and not be swayed by just one side.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

"Getting 3,000 poor, unemployed folks to pick up and leave their homes, humble as some of them may be and, for an indefinite period, to live out in the open, requires more than enthusiasm and dedication.

"Granting that Dr. King finally succeeds in getting 3,000 people to Washington, since they are poor and without adequate funds for their sustenance, how is he going to feed them every day? Where is he going to house them every night? What about their health problems? Their legal problems? The problems of discipline Where is the money for all of these things going to come from?

"If I understand Dr. King's program, he says he is going to keep his followers in Washington indefinitely. Let's take a short period of 14 days. Feeding each person will cost at least $1.00 a day. This then, is $3,000. In April weather even in Washington, these people will have to have some kind of shelter over their heads at night. If he can get this for $1.00 per person per night, he will be lucky. This is another $3,000 per day. To provide other necessities that people require each day, will cost a minimum of 50¢ per person a day. This adds another $1,500. So, at the lowest possible estimate, each person will cost $2.50 per day. For 3,000 people, this adds up to $105,000 for just 14 days.

"Then, there are the expenses of Dr. King's staff and other functionaries. The traveling expense of these people going and coming. The whole thing will add up to a staggering amount of somebody's money.

"How does Dr. King propose to raise this money? Moving on faith is one thing, but, 3,000 people, no matter how much faith they have, need food and shelter. Somebody will have to produce this in fact, not theory.

"Since most, if not all of the people Dr. King is trying to recruit are poor and unemployed, wouldn't it be better to try to get these people into training programs in their local communities? Granting that some southern communities may not have such federally financed programs, isn't it better to petition the government to provide them rather than taking these people off on a wild goose chase to Washington where, no matter what happens, they will have to go back to their home communities for whatever benefits they are to eventually receive.

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"Since lobbying for meaningful civil rights legislation is the announced goal of Dr. King's efforts, isn't he really using these unfortunate people who can least afford the time or money, as human pawns. Inspiring them with promises as an inducement to get their participation, is creating a false hope of personal reward before they return home. If they return home disillusioned and empty handed, they become prime examples of futility in their communities.

"This must not be permitted to happen. The best way to prevent it, is not to take them to Washington in the first place. If a demonstration of power or force or whatever you want to call it, is deemed necessary in Washington, then let those who can afford it march on Congress and the President. Past efforts have proven that sizeable numbers can be induced to turn out for a just cause.

"I am afraid Dr. King's venture is frought with many dangers and problems. The Negro has a just cause. There is urgent need for putting pressure at every point in our civil rights fight to achieve meaningful results. This pressure should be pushed at the local, state and national levels. Every resource at the Negro's command should be pressed into the fight.

"On this, Dr. King or no one else will find any opposition. However, doing something just for the publicity of it and, using unfortunate human beings, is just going too far.

"It would be most unfortunate if what happened to the bonus marchers in the late twenties during the Hoover administration, happened to Dr. King's marchers. Unfortunately, the present feeling of a large segment of white people is to use the police force and, even the National Guard and the U.S. Army to supress any riots. You can see from the way the National Guard acted recently in Orangeburg, S.C., what to expect in any future riots. Every law enforcement agency has been in special training during the winter months. They have been given special riot control techniques. Special equipment and supplies have already been purchased for use. There is no reason then for deliberately creating situations that may endanger the lives of innocent Negroes.

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"I certainly hope Dr. King and his staff will think very carefully about what they do and how they do it. Racial tensions in this country are now at a high pitch. Entirely too many people are of the mind that another bloody summer is in the offing. No matter what anybody says, Negroes have not benefited in any substantial way from any riot. Other than a looters holiday, the riots of the past have been very costly to all Negroes. We must then do all we can to prevent riots. Washington must not become another frustrating, bloody battleground."

"The Cleveland Press", a Cleveland daily afternoon newspaper of general circulation, in its March 6, 1968 issue, page A8, had an article entitled, "200 Clevelanders Sought for Dr. King's March", which read as follows:

"Efforts have begun to enlist 200 Clevelanders to take part in the 'jobs or income' demonstration to be led by Dr. Martin Luther King in Washington on Apr. 22.

"The goal is to have 200 representatives from 15 cities, totaling 3000 participants, reported Hilbert Perry, director of the Bruce Klunder Freedom House.

"The Freedom House is one of three groups here which have endorsed the demonstration and are recruiting participants. The others are Domestic Workers of America, a union of household workers, and the Cleveland Welfare Rights Movement, made up mostly of mothers on relief rolls and their supporters.

"They are attempting to raise funds to charter buses to Washington and also seeking contributions to pay for child care of mothers taking part, or families who will volunteer to tend children.

"IN WASHINGTON, churches are to be asked to provide meals and lodgings for those taking part.

"Perry said those being recruited here cannot be informed yet of what form the demonstration will take because plans are still being worked out by Dr. King's headquarters in Atlanta. But it is expected to start with mass calls on senators and representatives from the communities represented.

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"'WE HOPE to get a pledge that the Government will become the employer of last resort,' said Perry, explaining that the Government would establish programs to employ those unable to get jobs elsewhere.

"'Present training and employment programs are woefully inadequate. And we doubt that business will provide the jobs needed despite the government subsidy to be offered,' he said.

"Also to be urged is that Congress discard the new Social Security amendment which would limit the number of children on the Aid to Dependent Children program for whom federal funds would be provided after July 1."

CV T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 12, 1968, that Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER are the two main individuals who have been working to organize the WSP group in the Cleveland area, however, they also have some other unknown individuals who are assisting in the recruiting activities.

For the most part, OSBURN and BIBLER have been working on two other projects which seem to take most of their time; namely, Operation Breadbasket, which is a program aimed at increasing Negro employment through a boycott of various stores and employers; the second is the strike at St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, by the Building, Service, and Maintenance Union. This strike was recently settled, which will now give Reverend OSBURN and BIBLER more time to work on the WSP.

The WSP in Cleveland has an office at 7902 Hough Avenue, which is not being used as all the work is being done from Reverend OSBURN's apartment at the Park Lane Villa Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. The WSP has been recruiting people in Cleveland through the Bruce Klunder Freedom House, the Domestic Workers Union, and Mothers on Welfare. Reverend OSBURN plans to recruit two hundred people from the poor areas, those on welfare, etc., and OSBURN feels he will not have too much trouble in getting this many people as he has recruited larger numbers in the past for other projects. Reverend OSBURN has not indicated who will take care of the families of those making this WSP trip to Washington, D.C. in April, 1968, where the money will come from to pay for the transportation, or living expenses in that city, means of transportation, etc.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Mr. JAKE BRONSTON, Vice President, Greyhound Bus Lines, Cleveland, Ohio, advised on March 12, 1968, that to date Cleveland Greyhound had not received any requests for charter bus service to Washington, D.C for the WSP.

The following is additional data relative to this project:

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reporting Office	Cleveland, Ohio
Names of Individuals Recruiting in This Area	Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN MICHAEL BIBLER
Address of Headquarters	Park Lane Villa 10510 Park Lane Cleveland, Ohio (Reverend OSBURN's apartment) and 7902 Hough Avenue Cleveland, Ohio (This office is not being used at present.)
Known Number of Individuals Recruited to Date	Unknown
Known Names of Individuals Recruited	Unknown
Estimated Number of Individuals Recruited	Unknown
Number of Buses and Other Commercial Type Transportation Chartered and Total Capacity	None
Number of Private Cars to Participate	Unknown
Identity of Driver, Make, Model, and License Numbers of Cars to Participate	Unknown
Route Cars are Scheduled to Use	Unknown

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Areas Buses and Drivers are to Discharge Passengers Upon Arrival in Washington, D.C.	Unknown
Address Demonstrators Are to Report to Upon Arrival	Unknown

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TO DIRECTOR 157-8428 ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, NEW YORK, NEWARK, BALTIMORE, AND BOSTON (MAIL) (PLAINTEXT) WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE VIA WASHINGTON

FROM PHILADELPHIA 157-2476 (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM. OO WFO.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT, PH T-ONE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST ADVISED THREE ELEVEN INSTANT THAT REVEREND JAMES ORANGE, MARTIN LUTHER KING'S, SCLC, DIRECTOR IN PHILA STATED AS FOLLOWS.

KING WILL BE IN AFRICA IN THE FIRST PART OF APRIL SIXTYEIGHT FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. KING WILL RETURN TO THE US AND BE IN PHILA TO REST AND MAKE FURTHER PREPARATIONS FOR WSP, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL TWENTYTWO IN WASH., D.C. KING IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF HIS FOLLOWERS AND KINGS PEOPLE ABOUT HIS SAFETY. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEAVE FROM VARIOUS CITIES IN US TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON FOUR TWENTYTWO NEXT. PHILA FOLLOWERS (SEVERAL HUNDRED EXPECTED) WILL GO TO WASH., BY BUS AFTER BEING JOINED BY HUNDREDS WHO WILL START FROM BOSTON, MASS., APRIL NINETEEN OR TWENTY NEXT. BOSTONIANS WILL GO TO NYC BY BUS, THEN WALK THROUGH NYC WHERE JOINED BY NEW YORKERS; HENCE TO NEWARK TO WALK THROUGH CITY WITH ADDITION OF NEWARK RESIDENTS; HENCE BY BUS TO TRENTON, N.J., WHERE WILL REPEAT PROCEDURE; AND THEN TO PHILA.

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KING WILL JOIN GROUP IN NORTH PHILA AND ALL WILL WALK THROUGH CITY TO AIRPORT AT SOUTHWEST EXTREMITY OF PHILA.

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DR. KING WILL FLY TO WASH., D.C., WHILE THE MARCHERS WILL WALK ON TO CHESTER, PA., RIDE TO WILMINGTON, DEL.; MARCH THROUGH WILMINGTON; RIDE TO BALTIMORE, WALK THROUGH TOWN; AND THEN RIDE TO OUTSKIRTS OF WASH., D.C., WHERE THEY WILL BE LED THROUGH WASH., D.C., BY KING TO THE "CHERRY BLOSSOM" AREA. THEY WILL CAMP THERE UNTIL CONGRESS MEETS KING'S DEMANDS. PH T-ONE IS OF OPINION THAT ORANGE NOT REALLY HAVING GREAT SUCCESS AS HE MENTIONED NO NUMBERS OF ANTICIPATED PARTICIPANTS.

PH T- TWO, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST ADVISED THREE ELEVEN INSTANT THAT HE HAD BEEN TO SCLC, PHILA HEADQUARTERS AND THE GERNEAL CONVERSATION DOES NOT APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT THE STAFF IS RECEIVING AN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE IN THE CITY. THIS IS AN OPINION AND FEELING ONLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES COGNIZANT. LHM FOLLOWS.

PH T- ONE IS CONF SOURCE WHO REQUESTED HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU. PH T- TWO IS SOURCE

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-434819)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144189)

SUBJECT: FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.
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There are enclosed for the Bureau ten copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) containing information about the tribute to W.E.B. DU BOIS, sponsored by "Freedomways" Magazine, held on Friday night, 2/23/68. This information is taken from the 3/3/68 issue of "The Worker" which contained an account of the tribute.

This LHM is classified "Confidential" because of the sources used in the characterizations in this LHM, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be detrimental to the defense interests of the United States and result in the loss of sources of great value. These sources are [redacted] for OSSIE DAVIS and [redacted] for J. H. O'DELL. SOURCE

A copy of this LHM is being sent to the WFO for its information because it is the office of origin for the Washington Spring Project.

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Bureau 100-434819

New York, New York
March 4, 1968

Re: Freedomways Associates, Incorporated
Internal Security - C

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, on March 3, 1968, page 3, reported on the tribute to Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, held at Carnegie Hall, on Friday night, February 23, 1968. It said that the event was organized by "Freedomways" Magazine and inaugurated a year of celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Dr. DuBois. DuBois was described as a "scholar, writer, teacher, organizer and Communist".

The article stated that Dr. Martin Luther King delivered the address honoring the DuBois Centennial Year. It recounted King's remarks in praise of DuBois and said that:

"Summing up DuBois' life, King declared 'We can't talk of Dr. DuBois without recognizing that he was a radical all of his life. Some people would like to ignore the fact that he was a Communist in his later years. It is worth noting that Abraham Lincoln warmly welcomed the support of Karl Marx during the Civil War and corresponded with him freely'."

The article also stated that "King was vigorously applauded when he said:

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"'It is time to cease muting the fact that Dr. DuBois was a genius and chose to be a Communist. Our irrational obsessive anti-Communism has led us into too many quagmires.....'"

King, according to the article, recalled that DuBois was a leader of the peace movement in his time and, as is the case with Dr. Benjamin Spock, was indicted and arrested, in February, 1951, as a leader of the Peace Information Center. Alluding to the activities he is planning for Washington, D.C., King is reported to have said that DuBois will be with those participating in these activities in Washington, D.C., in April, 1968, "to demand our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness".

"The Worker" account of the DuBois celebration related that J. H. O'Dell, the Associate Managing Editor of "Freedomways" Magazine, opened the evening's program and welcomed the audience to the centennial celebration. It stated further that Ossie Davis acted as master of ceremonies and that "Davis called on the audience to come to the aid of the militant W.E.B. DuBois Clubs which are being persecuted by the subversive activities control board under the revived McCarran Act". It quoted Davis as saying "the DuBois Clubs are not expendable".

Characterizations of Freedomways Associates, Inc., and the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA), are set forth in the appendix.

Ossie Davis

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the latter part of 1963, a CP functionary stated that Ossie Davis and his wife were then Communist Party (CP) members.

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Jack O'Dell

The Fall, 1967 issue of "Freedomways", lists Jack O'Dell under the name of J.H. O'Dell, as its Associate Managing Editor.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 1, 1967, that as of April, 1967, O'Dell was considered by the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), as being a member of its National Committee.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
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1.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA by JAMES JACKSON.

The First Quarter, 1967, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE, Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON, Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL, Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that CLARKE is an "Associate" of AIM

On March 16, 1966, the second source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by his wife, ESTHER JACKSON, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the

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APPENDIX

2.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONTINUED)

Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON as a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

On July 26, 1966, a fourth source identified O'DELL as a member of the CP.

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

A characterization of AIMS is set out separately.

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APPENDIX

1.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised on June 30, 1966, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, at the 18th National Convention of the CPUSA, held June 22-26, 1966, in New York City.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CPUSA, New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the McCarran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public.

A fourth source reported on August 29, 1966, that AIMS issues a "Newsletter" every other month. This source also made available the information that AIMS issues publications and holds symposiums concerning Marxism.

A fifth source advised on May 9, 1967, that as of that date, AIMS was located on the fifth floor west of 20 West 30th Street, New York, New York.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, GUS HALL, CPUSA, General Secretary, indicated that the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, near the conclusion of the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth confidential source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
March 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Bureau 100-434819

Title Freedomways Associates, Inc.

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Reference New York letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 3/4/68

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing plans of the advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which deals with his massive civil disobedience campaign to be held in Washington, D. C., in April, 1968.

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in ~~early~~ April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Recently SOURCE advised that Stanley David Levison and Harry Wachtel, both advisors to King with subversive backgrounds, were in conference with William Rutherford, Executive Director, SCLC, concerning the "Washington Spring Project."

Rutherford mentioned this conference to several staff members of SCLC. Among the points discussed, according to Rutherford, were whether King should visit President Johnson for the purpose of discussing problems of "ghetto people"; whether King should speak before a joint session of Congress; and whether the SCLC should consider legal action against the Government in a form of a lawsuit for payment of money to Negroes as reimbursement for the many years they have been held in "slavery."

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Memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SOURCE

[redacted] recently advised that to date Chicago officials of SCLC have recruited approximately one hundred individuals who have tentatively agreed to participate in King's campaign this spring. The individuals are primarily welfare recipients and youths from Chicago's near West Side. King's Chicago staff members also reported that recent events to solicit funds have been largely unsuccessful and appeals for money have been met with flat refusals.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is felt that the President would be interested in receiving information showing that King's communist advisors are attempting to plan a meeting between the President and King or perhaps having King speak before a joint session of Congress.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

: cc to Leonard T. DeRosio, USA 3/6/68 by Courier

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 5, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

William Rutherford, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference recently with Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel, both advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, concerning King's massive civil disobedience campaign called the "Washington Spring Project."

Later, Rutherford mentioned this conference to several staff members of King's organization. Among the points discussed, according to Rutherford, were whether Martin Luther King, Jr., should visit President Johnson for the purpose of discussing problems of "ghetto people"; whether King should speak before a joint session of Congress; and whether the Southern Christian Leadership Conference should consider legal action against the United States Government in the form of a lawsuit for payment of money to Negroes as reimbursement for the many years they have been held in "slavery."

Two officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference met with the "Washington Spring Project" staff in Chicago, Illinois, on March 1, 1968. The Chicago staff members reported that efforts on their part to date have resulted in the recruitment of one hundred individuals who have tentatively agreed to participate in the "Washington Spring Project." The individuals are primarily welfare recipients and youths from Chicago's near West Side. The Chicago "Washington Spring Project" staff members have also reported that recently efforts to solicit funds from former Southern Christian Leadership Conference contributors have been largely unsuccessful and appeals for money have been met with flat refusals.

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Another source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963.

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Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York. FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE OPERATION - ONGOING

In March, 1944, another source advised the name Harry Wachtel was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the headquarters of Kings County Communist Party, Brooklyn, New York. The same source advised at the same time that the name and address of Leonora Wachtel, wife of Harry, were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

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March 1, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently, Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones were in conference. Both men are advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. At this meeting, they discussed King's massive civil disobedience campaign called the "Washington Spring Project" and the issues King should raise during the demonstrations.

Jones informed Levison that Harry Wachtel, another advisor to King, had drafted some material in this regard which calls for full employment, a guaranteed wage, and a guaranteed annual income. Also, the Reverend Frederick Kirkpatrick, a coordinator in the New York area for King's project, had furnished Jones with a pamphlet entitled "Declaration of Principle on the March in April." Jones commented that this item was three to four pages in length and was being distributed under the auspices of the "Committee of National Negro Churchmen."

Levison mentioned to Jones that he had sent out a mailing to 80,000 individuals, who have contributed to King's organization in the past two years, soliciting funds. Levison remarked that the returns are running ahead of last year's response with $15,000 being received in one day. Levison advised this letter soliciting funds was

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carefully written to center on the "Washington Spring Project" and to explain the rationale for it. Because of the success of this letter, Levison advised he will send it to 250,000 more people in the middle-class income group.

Levison told Jones that things are going well in the mobilization for the "Washington Spring Project." King informed Levison recently that people from Alabama and Mississippi are "just raring to go."

Another source advised on February 28, 1968, that Bernard Lafayette, project Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had informed him that King's organization is experiencing difficulty recruiting demonstrators for the "Washington Spring Project." Because of this, the demonstration would not start the first week of April as originally planned.

A third source learned from Anthony Henry, assistant to Lafayette, that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference had held a secret meeting and tentatively set a date of April 27, 1968, for the start of the "Washington Spring Project." According to this source, Henry indicated this date can be moved up or back depending on future developments.

A fourth source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A fifth source advised on February 26, 1957, that he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953, or early 1954, to be a member and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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XEROX COPIES TO MRS. MILDRED STEGALL AT THE WHITE HOUSE; SECRETARIES OF LABOR, AGRICULTURE, DEFENSE; MR. WILLIAM WELSH; SECRET SERVICE; AG; DAG; AAGs POLLAK, YEAGLEY AND VINSON; INTER-DIVISION INFO UNIT; ARMY; NAVY; AND AIR FORCE.
cc to Leonard T. Sullivan, NSA Liaison 3/6/68.

NOTE:

Classicied "Secret" inasmuch as the concealed sources for the above information are highly sensitive sources operating in the racial field whose disclosure would seriously damage our intelligence coverage and be injurious to the national defense.

See cover memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 2/29/68, captioned as above, prepared by DMW:lmr.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/29/68

FROM : G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. Bishop
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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing plans of the advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), pertaining to his massive civil disobedience campaign to be held in Washington, D. C., in April, 1968.

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

SOURCE advised recently that Stanley David Levison and Clarence Jones, both advisors to King with subversive backgrounds, were in conference concerning King's project. Jones informed Levison that Harry Wachtel, another advisor of King's with a subversive background, had drafted some material that King could use during the campaign calling for full employment, a guaranteed wage, and a guaranteed annual income. Also, the Reverend Frederick Kirkpatrick, a New York coordinator for the project, had furnished Jones with material entitled "Declaration of Principle on the March in April." This pamphlet was being distributed by the "Committee of National Negro Churchmen."

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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OBSERVATIONS:

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Another WFO informant learned from Lafayette's assistant, Anthony Henry, that a secret meeting had been held by King's group and they had set April 27, 1968, as the date for the project to start. Henry indicated this date can be moved up or back depending on future developments.

It is felt that the President would be interested in receiving information showing the communist help King is receiving in his proposed "Washington Spring Project."

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

cc to Leonard T. [illegible] by SA [illegible] 3/6/68

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 1, 1968

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Recently, Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones were in conference. Both men are advisors to Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. At this meeting, they discussed King's massive civil disobedience campaign called the "Washington Spring Project" and the issues King should raise during the demonstrations.

Jones informed Levison that Harry Wachtel, another advisor to King, had drafted some material in this regard which calls for full employment, a guaranteed wage, and a guaranteed annual income. Also, the Reverend Frederick Kirkpatrick, a coordinator in the New York area for King's project, had furnished Jones with a pamphlet entitled "Declaration of Principle on the March in April." Jones commented that this item was three to four pages in length and was being distributed under the auspices of the "Committee of National Negro Churchmen."

Levison mentioned to Jones that he had sent out a mailing to 80,000 individuals, who have contributed to King's organization in the past two years, soliciting funds. Levison remarked that the returns are running ahead of last year's response with $15,000 being received in one day. Levison advised this letter soliciting funds was

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carefully written to center on the "Washington Spring Project" and to explain the rationale for it. Because of the success of this letter, Levison advised he will send it to 250,000 more people in the middle-class income group.

Levison told Jones that things are going well in the mobilization for the "Washington Spring Project." King informed Levison recently that people from Alabama and Mississippi are "just raring to go."

Another source advised on February 28, 1968, that Bernard Lafayette, project Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had informed him that King's organization is experiencing difficulty recruiting demonstrators for the "Washington Spring Project." Because of this, the demonstration would not start the first week of April as originally planned.

A third source learned from Anthony Henry, assistant to Lafayette, that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference had held a secret meeting and tentatively set a date of April 27, 1968, for the start of the "Washington Spring Project." According to this source, Henry indicated this date can be moved up or back depending on future developments.

A fourth source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical, and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A fifth source advised on February 26, 1957, that he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953, or early 1954, to be a member and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In March, 1944, a sixth source advised the name Harry Wachtel was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the headquarters of Kings County Communist Party, Brooklyn, New York. The same source advised at the same time that the name and address of Leonora Wachtel, wife of Harry, were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 3/1/68 captioned as above.

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Source referred to is SOURCE [redacted]

SOURCE Source utilized to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is [redacted] Sources utilized to characterize HARRY WACHTEL are SOURCE [redacted] and anonymous source of WFO set out in report of SA JOHN J. WALSH 7/19/50 at WFO re "NLG; IS - C". Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is [redacted] Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are [redacted] and [redacted]

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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On February 29, 1968, a confidential source advised he had learned that WILLIAM A. RUTHERFORD, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), during the latter part of February 1968 mentioned to several officers of SCLC that he had recently discussed SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) with Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel. According to Rutherford during this discussion consideration was given to: one, whether Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, should endeavor to discuss with President Lyndon B. Johnson problems of Ghetto people; two, the advisability of Reverend King addressing a joint session of Congress as to problems and complaints of Ghetto people; and three, whether SCLC should consider legal action against the United States Government for financial redress to Negroes based upon the many years the American Negro has been held in "slavery". Rutherford offered no further details regarding these points.

It was source's understanding that Rutherford would discuss these matters subsequently with Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC; Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC; and Bernard Lafayette, Program Administrator, SCLC.

Concerning the possibility of him meeting with President Johnson, Reverend King merely commented he felt that at the present time the President would realize a greater publicity advantage from such a meeting than he or SCLC.

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STANLEY LEVISON

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, a confidential source furnished information which revealed that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding HARRY WACHTEL's wife, LEONORA, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed her name and address were on a list of names of newly-elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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Reference INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Atlanta Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/1/68

The attached furnishes information concerning the massive civil disobedience campaign that Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is planning on conducting in Washington, D. C., in April, 1968.

Details of attached will be furnished the White House, Attorney General, and other interested Government agencies.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-8428)

FROM ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, ~~RM.~~ (WSP) Racial Matter

Communist Influence in Racial Matters
~~CIRM~~, BUREAU FILE 100-442529, NEW YORK FILE 100-153735, WFO FILE 100-43710, ATLANTA FILE 100-6670.

ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 29 LAST SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCLC*, MENTIONED TO SEVERAL SCLC OFFICERS HE HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED SCLC'S WSP WITH STANLEY LEVISON AND HARRY WACHTEL. AMONG POINTS DISCUSSED, ACCORDING TO RUTHERFORD, WERE ONE, SHOULD MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., VISIT PRESIDENT JOHNSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF GHETTO PEOPLE. TWO, SHOULD KING SPEAK TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS IN ORDER TO PRESENT PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS OF GHETTO PEOPLE. THREE, WHETHER SCLC SHOULD CONSIDER LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF GHETTO NEGROES IN THE NATURE OF A SUIT FOR PAYMENT OF MONEY TO NEGROES AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE MANY YEARS IN

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WHICH THE NEGRO HAS BEEN HELD IN "SLAVERY."

RUTHERFORD OFFERED NO FURTHER DETAILS AND THE POINTS MENTIONED BY HIM WERE NOT DISCUSSED BY OTHERS AT THE TIME. KING WAS PRESENT AT THE TIME OF RUTHERFORD'S STATEMENT AND COMMENTED ONLY THAT A MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON AT THE PRESENT TIME MIGHT PROVE TO BE BETTER PUBLICITY FOR THE PRESIDENT THAN FOR HIM.

INFORMANT UNDERSTANDS THESE POINTS WERE TO BE CONSIDERED SUBSEQUENTLY BY RUTHERFORD, ANDREW J. YOUNG, A EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SCLC; HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC; AND BERNARD LAFAYETTE, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, SCLC. AT THE PRESENT TIME, INFORMANT COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MILWAUKEE

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL AND LHM JANUARY 26 LAST CAPTIONED "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM", AND MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO ATLANTA CAPTIONED "FATHER JAMES GROPPI, RM", FEBRUARY 26 LAST.

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE INQUIRED WHETHER GROPPI WAS IN CONTACT WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT, SCLC, BETWEEN FEBRUARY 19 LAST AND FEBRUARY 22 LAST.

ON NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 28 LAST SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED THAT HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC, HAD RECENTLY COMMENTED THAT FATHER JAMES GROPPI IS IN FAVOR OF SCLC'S WSP AND WILL ASSIST SCLC BY UTILIZING "HIS PEOPLE" TO RECRUIT DEMONSTRATORS ~~IN MILWAUKEE~~, WISGONSIN FOR THE WSP.

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INFORMANT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHETHER OR NOT ~~GROPPI~~ ACTUALLY

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CONFERRED WITH KING RECENTLY. HOWEVER, HE SAID WILLIAMS HAS HAD SEVERAL TELEPHONIC CONVERSATIONS WITH GROPPI IN RECENT PAST RE WSP. DETAILS OF CONVERSATION NOT AVAILABLE TO INFORMANT.

DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY 19 LAST THROUGH FEBRUARY 23 LAST SCLC AT MIAMI CONDUCTED A "RETREAT" ON URBAN LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP TRAINING FOR APPROXIMATELY 120 MINISTERS FROM VARIOUS CITIES IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH. INFORMANT SAID THAT ACCORDING TO WILLIAMS, GROPPI WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE ATTENDED THIS RETREAT BUT AT LAST MINUTE FOUND HE COULD NOT DO SO. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS RETREAT A MIAMI SOURCE ON FEBRUARY 14 LAST FURNISHED A LIST OF NAMES CAPTIONED, "ROOMING LIST SCLC PERSONNEL" SETTING FORTH NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD STAY AT A MIAMI HOTEL. IT IS NOTED GROPPI'S NAME WAS NOT REFLECTED ON THIS LIST.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/29/68

Martin Luther King, Jr., has been organizing a demonstration scheduled to occur during April, 1968, at Washington, D.C. The attached indicates King and others have been requested to visit three African countries during period 4/16 through 4/20/68.

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of Department, military, Secret Service, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM ATLANTA

RACIAL MATTER

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, ~~RM~~, BUREAU FILE 157-8428, ATLANTA FILE 157-2924.

SECURITY MATTER-COMMUNIST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ~~SM—C~~, BUFILE 100-106670, ATLANTA FILE 100-5586.

SOURCE

ON NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 28 LAST [redacted] ADVISED HE LEARNED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DURING CONVERSATION THAT DATE WITH RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC, AND HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT, SCLC, ROY WILKINS, OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE AND WHITNEY YOUNG, OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO VISIT THREE AFRICAN COUNTRIES (IDENTITIES NOT KNOWN) DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 16 THROUGH

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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APRIL 20 NEXT. THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO SERVE AS "MEDIATORS" APPARENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH A CURRENT DISPUTE BETWEEN THE THREE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

THE CONVERSATION SUGGESTED THAT KING HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MATTER SOME TIME AGO BUT WAS RELUCTANT TO DO SO BECAUSE OF THE PENDING WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. KING'S FINAL DECISION TO PARTICIPATE WAS MOTIVATED IN PART BY HIS FEELING THAT A DECLINATION WOULD IMPLY TO THE THREE AFRICAN NATIONS THAT HE HAD NO INTEREST IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

INFORMANT ADVISED HE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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AIRMAIL REGISTERED MAIL COPIES SENT WFO AND NEW YORK.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 2/29/68 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C", "WSP, RM".

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Atlanta, Georgia.
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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 28, 1968, a confidential source advised that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), recently informed some officers of SCLC he was anxious to be apprised on a current basis of the progress being made by SCLC staff members who are concerned with recruiting demonstrators to participate in SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP). In this connection Reverend King instructed Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC; Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC; Bernard Lafayette, Program Administrator, SCLC; Bernard Lee, Special Aide to the President, SCLC; Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, and Mrs. Dorothy Cotton, Director of Citizenship Education, SCLC, to divide between them the various cities and locations in which SCLC staff members are recruiting demonstrators and ascertain what progress is being made. Reverend King indicated to these officers he expected to be informed of the progress observed by them during the forepart of the first week in March, 1968. He also said that he expected them to report to him as to progress being made on a weekly basis until the actual commencement of the WSP in April 1968. Source was unable to furnish any further details concerning this matter.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 29, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

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[redacted] URGENT 2-29-68 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, JACKSON AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM ATLANTA

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C, BUREAU FILE 100-106670, CHICAGO FILE 100-35356, WASHINGTON FIELD FILE 100-40164, ATLANTA FILE 100-5586.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM, BUREAU FILE 157-8428, ATLANTA FILE 157-2924.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE TO BUREAU FEBRUARY 27 LAST CAPTIONED AS ABOVE AND ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND WFO JANUARY 18 LAST CAPTIONED, WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE REQUESTED INFORMATION AS TO KING VISITING JACKSON AND EDWARDS, MISSISSIPPI, MARCH 3 NEXT. ON NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 28 LAST SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION RELATING TO KING'S TRAVEL MARCH 3 NEXT. ON FEBRUARY 27 LAST KING TOLD SEVERAL OFFICERS OF SCLC HE WAS GOING

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AWAY "FOR A REST" THE BALANCE OF PRESENT WEEK. FURTHER DETAILS RE THIS MATTER NOT KNOWN BY INFORMANT. KING WAS NOT OBSERVED AT HIS SCLC OFFICE BY INFORMANT FEBRUARY 28 LAST.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE SET FORTH KING'S ITINERARY DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1968 FOR VISITING LOCATIONS CONCERNED WITH WSP AS FURNISHED JANUARY 18 LAST BY SOURCE [redacted]

A ZEROX COPY OF THIS TELETYPE WAS FURNISHED BY ROUTING SLIP TO OFFICES CONCERNED WITH WSP.

ON FEBRUARY 28 LAST SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED THIS ITINERARY WAS NO LONGER PERTINENT SO FAR AS RELATING TO MARCH 1968. THE ITINERARY FOR KING HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CHANGED AS OF THE END OF FEBRUARY 1968. NO FORMAL CURRENT ITINERARY HAS COME TO INFORMANT'S ATTENTION.

ON FEBRUARY 28, 1968 INFORMANT ADVISED THAT KING IS ANXIOUS TO LEARN ON A WEEKLY BASIS OF PROGRESS MADE BY SCLC STAFF MEMBERS RECRUITING WSP DEMONSTRATORS IN THE VARIOUS CITIES AND LOCATIONS. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS KING OF FEBRUARY 27 LAST ASSIGNED ANDREW J. YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SCLC;

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RALPH ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDNET AND TREASURER, SCLC;. BERNARD LAFAYETTE, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, SCLC; BERNARD LEE, SPECIAL AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT, SCLC; HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC; AND DOROTHY COTTON, DIRECTOR OF CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION, SCLC, TO DIVIDE THE VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND VISIT SAME ON A WEEKLY BASIS. FIRST REPORT OF PROGRESS FROM THESE SCLC OFFICERS SUPPOSED TO BE MADE TO KING EARLY IN WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 3 NEXT. WHAT LOCATIONS EACH OF THE ABOVE OFFICERS WILL VISIT NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN TO INFORMANT.

SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED SCLC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY PREPARING A PAPER IN THE NATURE OF A HOUSE ORGAN TO BE ENTITLED "SOUL FORTH". THE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A PAPER AS A MEANS OF MAINTAINING CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCLC HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL AND STAFF MEMBERS IN FIELD SUGGESTED IN RECENT PAST BY WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCLC. THIS PAPER WILL BE ISSUED PERIODICALLY AND DESIGNED INITIALLY TO SERVE DEMONSTRATORS RECRUITED FOR WSP BY EXPLAINING NECESSITY FOR

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LEGISLATION RE JOBS OR INCOME, VARIOUS OBJECTIVES OF WSP, GENERAL NEWS ABOUT THE PROJECT, ETC.

WFO AIR RM TO BUREAU FEBRUARY 16 LAST CAPTIONED, "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM" ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY 116 MIG, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND REFERRED TO "A PACKET OF INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION" REGARDING THE WSP. ON FEBRUARY 28 LAST INFORMANT ADVISED SO FAR AS HE WAS AWARE THIS MATERIAL HAD NOT TO DATE BEEN DISTRIBUTED. THE NATURE OF THIS MATERIAL IS TO GIVE SCLC STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF RECRUITING WSP DEMONSTRATORS INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO MAKE SPEECHES ABOUT WSP, ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING NEED FOR JOBS AND INCOME, COSTS OF JOBS OR INCOME VERSUS COSTS OF VIET NAM WAR, PEACE ISSUE, ETC.

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APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF ABOVE INFORMATION BEING SUBMITTED IN LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA.

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FBI

Date: 2/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 2/29/68 captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C", "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM".

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies of LHM.

Source referred to is SOURCE [redacted]

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 29, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 28, 1968, a confidential source advised that during the recent past William A. Rutherford, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC) had suggested that SCLC consider the practicality of periodically publishing a form of intra-organization newspaper. Rutherford explained the purpose of such a publication would be essentially to maintain a closer relationship between SCLC Headquarters personnel and Field Staff.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Rutherford's suggestion was recently adopted by SCLC and the Department of Information, SCLC, is currently in the process of preparing such a publication which will be entitled, "Soul Forth". This paper is GA being initially designed for the edification of demonstrators recruited for SCLC's forthcoming Washington Spring Project (WSP) by explaining such topics as the necessity for Federal legislation regarding jobs or income, various objectives of the WSP, general news about the project, et cetera.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The masthead of "Soul Forth" will indicate that Thomas Offenburger, Director, Department of Information, SCLC, is the editor of this publication, assisted by one Bill Mahoney.

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Source advised he understood that Mahoney who was recently employed by the SCLC Department of Information was formerly affiliated with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, during the latter part of February 1968 commented to several

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officers of SCLC he was aware that Mahoney was previously affiliated with SNCC. Reverend King said that inasmuch as Mahoney was assisting with preparation of "Soul Forth" he was anxious that SCLC be sufficiently alert in order that Mahoney would not inject any SNCC philosophy into this publication of SCLC.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-434819)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144189)

SUBJECT: FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.
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(OO: NY)

There are enclosed for the Bureau ten copies of a LHM containing information from SOURCE and SOURCE concerning the observance of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois, held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Friday night, 2/23/68, under the sponsorship of "Freedomways" Magazine.

The source used to characterize OSSIE DAVIS and STANLEY LEVISON is SOURCE.

The source used to characterize JACK O'DELL is SOURCE

The source used to characterize CLARENCE JONES is ALBERT BROWN, Chairman, Columbia University LYL, 1954.

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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from SOURCE a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the United States and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "Secret" because it contains a concentration of information from SOURCE in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

An information copy of this LHM is being sent to the WFO because KING mentioned the Washington Spring Project in his speech at Carnegie Hall.

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New York, New York
February 27, 1968

Bureau 100-434819

Re: Freedomways Associates, Incorporated
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on February 23, 1968, reflecting that Stanley Levison was going to meet Martin Luther King, Jr., on the night of February 23, 1968, at Kennedy International Airport, New York City, to take him to the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair at Carnegie Hall, New York City, that night.

The same source learned on February 24, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison told Clarence Jones about the affair sponsored by "Freedomways" Magazine on the night of February 23, 1968. Levison said he believed it illustrates the degree of despair and depression prevalent in progressive circles. He described it as the "deadest meeting" he had ever seen and said that people are depressed because they are frustrated over the Vietnam War and also feel there are no answers to riots in the streets. Referring to Martin Luther King's speech, he said that King has never read anything as badly. Levison attributed this to King feeling uncomfortable at the meeting. He said that King felt it was his duty to pay a tribute to(W.E.B.) DuBois but also knew it was not really his (type of) crowd. He said King read his speech as if he did not understand what he was reading.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
Internal Security - C

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1968, that the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois was held on Friday night, February 23, 1968, at Carnegie Hall, New York City. The affair lasted from 9:00 PM to Midnight with over 1,000 people in attendance. Ossie Davis was the master of ceremonies and the speakers included Martin Luther King, Jack O'Dell and several others.

According to the source, King, in his speech, praised W.E.B. DuBois and mentioned his planned demonstration in Washington, D.C. King stated that, with respect to this demonstration, they would stay as long as necessary to accomplish their aims. He stressed, however, that it would be non-violent in character.

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, publisher of the magazine "Freedomways", is attached.

Stanley Levison

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), in July, 1963.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
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Ossie Davis

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the latter part of 1963, a CP functionary stated that Ossie Davis and his wife were then CP members.

W.E.B. DuBois

"The New York Times", August 28, 1963, page 3, contained an article datelined at Accra, Ghana, stating that W.E.B. DuBois died on August 28, 1963. It said that he went to Ghana as the guest of President Kwame Nkrumah to become Director of the Encyclopedia Africana, which was sponsored by the Government of Ghana, and became a citizen of that country. The article also noted that "During his later years, he was active in many left-wing and Communist activities. In the Fall of 1961, at the age of 93, he joined the Communist Party (CP).

Jack O'Dell

The Fall, 1967 issue of "Freedomways", lists Jack O'Dell under the name of J.H. O'Dell, as its Associate Managing Editor.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 1, 1967, that as of April, 1967, O'Dell was considered by the CPUSA as being a member of its National Committee.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
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APPENDIX

1.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA by JAMES JACKSON.

The First Quarter, 1967, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE, Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON, Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL, Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that CLARKE is an "Associate" of AIM

On March 16, 1966, the second source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by his wife, ESTHER JACKSON, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONTINUED)

Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON as a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

On July 26, 1966, a fourth source identified O'DELL as a member of the CP.

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

A characterization of AIMS is set out separately.

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APPENDIX

1.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised on June 30, 1966, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, at the 18th National Convention of the CPUSA, held June 22-26, 1966, in New York City.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CPUSA, New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the McCarran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public.

A fourth source reported on August 29, 1966, that AIMS issues a "Newsletter" every other month. This source also made available the information that AIMS issues publications and holds symposiums concerning Marxism.

A fifth source advised on May 9, 1967, that as of that date, AIMS was located on the fifth floor west of 20 West 30th Street, New York, New York.

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New York, New York
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: WFO)

SOURCE

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information furnished by [redacted] on 2/24/68, which concerns the Washington Spring Project.

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The sources used in characterizations in this LHM are:

SOURCE [redacted] STANLEY LEVISON

CONF. SOURCE [redacted] CLARENCE JONES

SOURCE [redacted] HARRY WACHTEL

It is noted that in the conversation between CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON, LEVISON mentioned "reports from some of the guys in the field" (apparently referring to workers engaged in the Washington Spring Project). One of the persons he mentioned in this regard was a JAMES ORANGE (ph) in Philadelphia. A copy of this LHM is, therefore, being sent to Philadelphia for its information.

Three copies of this LHM are being sent to the 108th INTC Group, NYC, and one copy each to the Naval Investigative Service, and OSI.

This LHM is classified "SECRET" because it contains information from SOURCE [redacted] a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "SECRET" because it contains a concentration of information from SOURCE [redacted] in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
February 27, 1968

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Washington Spring Project
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on February 24, 1968, that on that date, Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison discussed the April, 1968, demonstrations planned by Martin Luther King, Jr., Head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), for Washington, D.C. Jones noted that he had a draft of some material from Harry Wachtel which calls for full employment, a guaranteed wage, and a guaranteed annual income. He said also that a Minister whom he believed is Kirkpatrick (The Reverend Frederick Kirkpatrick, a coordinator in the New York area for the Washington Spring Project) gave him a Declaration of Principle on the march in April. Jones described this declaration as being of 3 or 4 pages with the inscription "Committee of National Negro Churchmen" at the bottom.

Levison commented that Kirkpatrick is distributing this material in churches. He told Jones to send this material to Harry (Wachtel) with any comments he might have.

Levison also mentioned that he considered it significant that a mailing, which was sent out to reach 80,000 who have contributed in the past two years or more, is running

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Washington Spring Project

ahead of last year's response with $15,000.00 having been received the previous day. He said the letter was carefully written to center on the mobilization and to explain the rationale for it. He added that this letter will go to another 250,000 and more. According to Levison, this mailing is to a middle class group so that it is a test of the middle class intellectual, the most concerned type of people.

Levison also commented that, in general, he believes things are going well with the mobilization. He added that King has said that he is getting very favorable comments from many quarters and that in Alabama and Mississippi "they're just raring to go".

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), in July, 1963.

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information in December, 1949, that Harry H. Wachtel, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on a list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

Washington Spring Project

On March 5, 1944, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which revealed that the name Harry Wachtel was on a list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party (CP) at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife, Leonora, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed that her name and address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County CP.

With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr. is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1957, that he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953, or early 1954, to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and ten copies of LHM; four copies for Atlanta; two copies for Chicago; one copy for Los Angeles; one for Miami; and two copies for WFO.

The first source used in the LHM is SOURCE [redacted] the second source is [redacted] SOURCE the third source is [redacted] SOURCE and the fourth source is [redacted] SOURCE

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Jackson, Mississippi
February 23, 1968

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On February 15, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. traveled to the Edwards, Mississippi area to attend a meeting held by the Mississippians for Political Welfare Rights (MPWR). He advised that the purpose of the meeting was for King to solicit support for his Poor Peoples March at Washington, D.C. in April, 1968, and also to lend support to MPWR's activities. Source related that King planned to complete his appearances in Mississippi on February 15, 1968, and travel to Montgomery, Alabama, where a similar meeting was to be held. He advised that presently in Grenada, Mississippi, Leon Wilbert Hall and R. B. Cottonreader, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) employees, were actively attempting to locate individuals to travel to Washington, D.C. in April, 1968, to take part in the demonstration. Source advised that Reverend B. J. Cameron, President, Grenada County Freedom Movement, and affiliate of SCLC, will not travel to Washington in the Spring.

On February 19, 1968, the source advised that Hall was scheduled to appear before an unknown group at Batesville, Mississippi, the evening of February 19, 1968, in an effort to gain support for the Washington Spring Project.

On February 20, 1968, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dr. Martin Luther King appeared before a group known as the National Welfare Rights Organization, together with his aides, in Chicago, Illinois, on February 3-4, 1968. He advised that this group is operating in Mississippi as the MPWR. He stated that delegates from 24 states were present

at the Chicago, Illinois meeting which resulted in a working coalition being established between this group and SCLC to bring about a social change in the country. The source advised that King also put forth requests for support of his Poor Peoples March in April at Washington, D.C. He advised that the delegate from Mississippi was one Geraldine Smith, Holmes County, Mississippi, and furthermore that the National President of this organization was an individual from Los Angeles, California.

On February 20, 1968, a third source advised that Martin Luther King's group is attempting to recruit 200 persons to participate in the April 26, 1968, demonstration at Washington, D.C. He related that the primary recruiter in this project in Mississippi appeared to be Mike Higson, research worker, Lawyers Committee, 233 North Farish Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

On February 17, 1968, a fourth source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a recent meeting was held in Washington, D.C. in which Reverend Martin Luther King and the former SNCC Chairman Stokely Carmichael were present. A discussion at this meeting centered around the Washington Spring Project. The source felt that the Project was completely controlled by King and that any attempts to take over for the purpose of promoting violence will meet with little success. The source reported that Carmichael stated something to the effect "If King is going to run it, then that will be all right".

The source advised that a meeting was to take place in Miami, Florida, February 19-23, 1968, and that this meeting was being financed partially by the Ford Foundation for the purpose of training Negro Ministers from large northern cities in the area of leadership. Source related that the captioned matter would possibly be discussed at the meeting, but that was not the primary purpose for the session.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144189)

SUBJECT: FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.
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There are enclosed for the Bureau ten copies of a LHM containing information from [redacted] SOURCE and [redacted] SOURCE concerning the observance of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois, held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Friday night, 2/23/68, under the sponsorship of "Freedomways" Magazine.

The source used to characterize OSSIE DAVIS and STANLEY LEVISON is [redacted] SOURCE

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The source used to characterize JACK O'DELL is [redacted] SOURCE

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The source used to characterize CLARENCE JONES is [redacted] SOURCE

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1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (41)
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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from SOURCE a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the United States and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "Secret" because it contains a concentration of information from SOURCE in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

An information copy of this LHM is being sent to the WFO because KING mentioned the Washington Spring Project in his speech at Carnegie Hall.

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New York, New York
February 27, 1968

Bureau 100-434819

Re: Freedomways Associates, Incorporated
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on February 23, 1968, reflecting that Stanley Levison was going to meet Martin Luther King, Jr., on the night of February 23, 1968, at Kennedy International Airport, New York City, to take him to the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair at Carnegie Hall, New York City, that night.

The same source learned on February 24, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison told Clarence Jones about the affair sponsored by "Freedomways" Magazine on the night of February 23, 1968. Levison said he believed it illustrates the degree of despair and depression prevalent in progressive circles. He described it as the "deadest meeting" he had ever seen and said that people are depressed because they are frustrated over the Vietnam War and also feel there are no answers to riots in the streets. Referring to Martin Luther King's speech, he said that King has never read anything as badly. Levison attributed this to King feeling uncomfortable at the meeting. He said that King felt it was his duty to pay a tribute to (W.E.B.) DuBois but also knew it was not really his (type of) crowd. He said King read his speech as if he did not understand what he was reading.

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Re: Freedomways Associates, Inc.
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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1968, that the "Freedomways" Magazine sponsored affair celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. DuBois was held on Friday night, February 23, 1968, at Carnegie Hall, New York City. The affair lasted from 9:00 PM to Midnight with over 1,000 people in attendance. Ossie Davis was the master of ceremonies and the speakers included Martin Luther King, Jack O'Dell and several others.

According to the source, King, in his speech, praised W.E.B. DuBois and mentioned his planned demonstration in Washington, D.C. King stated that, with respect to this demonstration, they would stay as long as necessary to accomplish their aims. He stressed, however, that it would be non-violent in character.

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, publisher of the magazine "Freedomways", is attached.

Stanley Levison

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), in July, 1963.

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Ossie Davis

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the latter part of 1963, a CP functionary stated that Ossie Davis and his wife were then CP members.

W.E.B. DuBois

"The New York Times", August 28, 1963, page 3, contained an article datelined at Accra, Ghana, stating that W.E.B. DuBois died on August 28, 1963. It said that he went to Ghana as the guest of President Kwame Nkrumah to become Director of the Encyclopedia Africana, which was sponsored by the Government of Ghana, and became a citizen of that country. The article also noted that "During his later years, he was active in many left-wing and Communist activities. In the Fall of 1961, at the age of 93, he joined the Communist Party (CP).

Jack O'Dell

The Fall, 1967 issue of "Freedomways", lists Jack O'Dell under the name of J.H. O'Dell, as its Associate Managing Editor.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 1, 1967, that as of April, 1967, O'Dell was considered by the CPUSA as being a member of its National Committee.

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APPENDIX

1.

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA by JAMES JACKSON.

The First Quarter, 1967, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE, Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON, Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL, Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE, Art Editor

A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that CLARKE is an "Associate" of AIM

On March 16, 1966, the second source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by his wife, ESTHER JACKSON, was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the

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Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON as a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

On July 26, 1966, a fourth source identified O'DELL as a member of the CP.

On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that her former husband, JACK DEVINE, mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

A characterization of AIMS is set out separately.

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APPENDIX

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised on June 30, 1966, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, at the 18th National Convention of the CPUSA, held June 22-26, 1966, in New York City.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CPUSA, New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the McCarran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public.

A fourth source reported on August 29, 1966, that AIMS issues a "Newsletter" every other month. This source also made available the information that AIMS issues publications and holds symposiums concerning Marxism.

A fifth source advised on May 9, 1967, that as of that date, AIMS was located on the fifth floor west of 20 West 30th Street, New York, New York.

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New York, New York
February 27, 1968

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Title Freedomways Associates, Inc.

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Reference New York letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/27/68

The attached relates to progress being made in Martin Luther King's effort to create a demonstration in Washington,D.C., during April, 1968.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of the Department, military, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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RACIAL MATTER

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP), ~~RM.~~ OO: WASHINGTON FIELD

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE IN THE PAST, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS RE WSP, FEBRUARY TWENTY-SEVEN, INSTANT:

MEETING SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) OFFICIALS HELD ATLANTA, GEORGIA, PM, FEBRUARY TWENTY-FOUR AND FEBRUARY TWENTY-FIVE, LAST, IN PLANNING SESSIONS FOR WSP. THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED REVEREND ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT; HOSEA WILLIAMS, FIELD DIRECTOR, WSP AND APPROXIMATELY EIGHT-TEN OTHERS FROM VARIOUS AREAS OF COUNTRY.

PRINCIPAL TOPIC DISCUSSION AT BOTH MEETINGS CONCERNED SECURITY PROBLEMS INVOLVING SCLC PRESIDENT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN COURSE OF WSP, ARISING FROM FEARS EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ASSASSINATE KING. NO SPECIFIC THREATS TO KING

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REFERRED TO, DESPITE QUESTIONING THIS REGARD, BUT "BLACK PEOPLE" AS WELL AS WHITES TO BE "WATCHED". NO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS REFERRED TO SPECIFICALLY AS SOURCE OF CONCERN CONCERNING KING'S SAFETY.

NO BODY GUARDS AS SUCH ASSIGNED, HOWEVER, YOUNG STATED PEOPLE WOULD BE PRESENT AT WSP WITH GUNS TO PROTECT KING. INNER AND OUTER CIRCLE OF PEOPLE TO PROTECT KING WITH OWN BODIES WILL BE FORMED, HOWEVER, DETAILS NOT WORKED OUT THESE MEETINGS. KING NOT PRESENT THESE MEETINGS.

JAMES BEVEL, ASSOCIATED WITH CHICAGO WSP EFFORTS, PRESENT AT SCLC HEADQUARTERS ALSO BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE THESE MEETINGS. UNDERSTOOD BEVEL PLANNED PROTEST OF INADEQUATE FUNDS AVAILABLE CHICAGO WSP STAFF, HOWEVER, NOT KNOWN WHETHER BEVEL PROTESTED AS PLANNED TO SCLC OFFICIALS THIS METING.

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RE CHICAGO TEL FEBRUARY TWENTY-ONE, LAST, THIS CAPTION.

SOURCE OF ABOVE INFO IS SOURCE

MEMBER SCLC CHICAGO STAFF.

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~~LHM~~ FOLLOWS. CHICAGO FOLLOWING AND PERTINENT U SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS WSP TO BE PROVIDED BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

ABOVE INFO NOT BEING DISSEMINATED LOCALLY FOR SECURITY OF SOURCE, ADDITIONALLY AS IT DOES NOT DIRECTLY EFFECT CHICAGO INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM JACKSON

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C. BUFILE (100-106670.)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP); RM. BUFILE 157-8428.

RE JACKSON AIRTEL TO BUREAU FEBRUARY 16 LAST, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, WHICH CONTAINED INFORMATION RE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S VISIT TO JACKSON, FEBRUARY 15 LAST, AND HIS PLAN TO SEND TOP AIDE TO JACKSON MARCH 3 NEXT, FOR FOLLOW - UP MEETING REGARDING WSP.

Source [redacted] AND TWO OTHER JACKSON SOURCES, ALL WHO HAVE PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, HAVE ADVISED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE ON DEBRUARY 24 LAST, AT ANTI-POVERTY GROUP PROTEST MEETING HELD JACKSON THAT DATE AND ATTENDED BY SEVERAL THOUSAND

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NEGROES, THAT DR. KING WOULD APPEAR AT JACKSON IN PERSON ON MARCH 3 NEXT, TO CONDUCT WSP RECRUITING PROGRAM AT MT. BEULAH CENTER, EDWARDS, MISS., SAME DATE.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/23/68

The attached relates to a meeting of Negro clergymen in Miami, Florida, and has bearing on the Washington Spring Project, an effort by Martin Luther King to cause demonstration in Washington, D. C., April, 1968. The anonymous call mentioned in the attached concerns a threat made to King's life, and all details relative to the call were previously disseminated to appropriate local authorities.

Pertinent parts of the attached information to be furnished the White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of the Department, military, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTERS.

INSPECTOR OWEN W. DAVIS AND DET. SILAS VAUGHN, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED TODAY THAT THEY HAVE ATTENDED THE MAJORITY OF THE GENERAL MEETINGS EXCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOP TYPE MEETINGS WHICH WERE CONFINED TO THE CONVENTION DELEGATES.

THEY ADVISED THE GENERAL THEME OF THE CONVENTION WAS ALONG THE GUIDELINES OF INSTRUCTING THE DELEGATES IN WAYS AND MEANS OF REACHING THE PEOPLE IN THE GHETTOS IN THEIR PARTICULAR COMMUNITIES.

THEY ADVISED THE DELEGATES WERE OF VARIANT OPINIONS AS TO THE METHODS TO BE USED IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THAT SOME WERE FAVORING THE STRICTLY NON-VIOLENT APPROACH AS OPPOSED TO A FEW WHO WERE DESIROUS OF A MORE MILITANT APPROACH.

THEY ADVISED IT APPEARED TO THEM THAT SOME MEMBERS OF SCLC IN ATTENDANCE WERE ATTEMPTING TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. HE STATED THAT SOME OF THE

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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WASHINGTON, D. C., MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONVENTION GAVE THEIR RELUCTANT APPROVAL TO THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, PROVIDING THAT THE PROJECT WOULD BE APPROACHED IN A NON-VIOLENT MANNER.

THEY FURTHER ADVISED THAT IT WAS THEIR IMPRESSION THAT POSSIBLY TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE FROM FIFTEEN OF THE COUNTRY'S MAJOR CITIES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT AND EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO CONFINE THE PROJECT TO A NON-VIOLENT THEME.

THEY STATED IT WAS THEIR OBSERVATION THAT THE GENERAL FEELING OF THE DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONVENTION WAS OPPOSED TO STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND THE MILITANCY THAT CARMICHAEL ADVOCATES.

THEY ADVISED THAT THE CONVENTION IS BEING CONCLUDED TODAY WITH THE LAST GENERAL MEETING BEING HELD IN WHICH MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL BE THE KEY SPEAKER.

THEY ADVISED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE DELEGATES WILL BE RETURNING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES TODAY AND TOMORROW.

LT. HARVERT SWILLEY, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, MIAMI ~~PD~~ Police Department, WHO ATTENDED A MEETING AT THE DUPONT PLAZA HOTEL ON FEB. TWENTYTWO,

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LAST, AT WHICH MARTIN LUTHER KING ADDRESSED A GROUP OF LOCAL CITIZENS, STATED ON FEB. TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, THAT KING WAS PLANNING TO TAKE THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND POOR PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE U. S., TO WASHINGTON, D. C., AND NOT THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE, AS HE REPORTED ON FEB. TWENTY-TWO.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

ON FEB. TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, [redacted] STATED THAT CHARLES HAROLD MALCHMAN, A HOTEL GUEST, WHO HE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS HAVING MADE AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL TO THE HOTEL ON THE EVENING OF FEB. TWENTYONE, LAST, HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CALL. HE REPORTED THAT BASED ON INVESTIGATION BY LOCAL POLICE AND HIS DEPARTMENT, AN INDIVIDUAL FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF MALCHMAN AND WAS IN THE HOTEL ON THE EVENING OF FEB. TWENTYONE, LAST, BUT HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED, IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO THE ANONYMOUS CALLER.

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, FEB. TWENTYTWO, LAST.

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U R G E N T 2/22/68

TO DIRECTOR (157-8428) (CODE)

FROM MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTERS.

INSPECTOR OWEN W. DAVIS, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C., PRESENTLY ON ASSIGNMENT MIAMI, REPORTED FEB. TWENTYTWO, INSTANT, THAT THE MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM CONTINUES ALONG GUIDELINES PREVIOUSLY SET OUT WITH NO DISCUSSION RELATING TO THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT.

AT EIGHT ZERO FIVE PM, FEB TWENTYONE, LAST, THE MIAMI OFFICE OF THE FBI RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL FROM A MALE WHO INQUIRED IF THE FBI WAS AWARE MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS IN MIAMI. CALLER STATED HE INTENDED TO KILL KING AND WOULD LIKE TO BOMB KING'S ROOM AT HOTEL, BUT FEARED INJURING OTHERS.

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SGT. JOHN WEAVER, MIAMI, FLA., PD, ON DUTY AT SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL, REPORTED SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR AT

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HOTEL RECEIVED A SIMILAR ANONYMOUS CALL SHORTLY BEFORE EIGHT PM, FEB. TWENTYONE, LAST. CALLER MADE REFERENCE TO A GERMAN LUGER, THAT HE WANTED TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING AND OR BLOW UP THE HOTEL.

SGT. WEAVER STATED THAT BASED ON CALLER'S REMARKS, Confidential Source TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED HOTEL GUEST HAROLD CHARLES MALCHMAN AS THE ANONYMOUS CALLER. MALCHMAN REGISTERED AT HOTEL FEB. FOURTEEN, LAST, AND IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FEB. TWENTYFOUR, NEXT. MALCHMAN OBSERVED IN HOTEL LOBBY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND HEARD MAKING REMARKS REGARDING MARTIN LUTHER KING, THAT KING WAS A COMMUNIST AND THAT HE HAD A LUGER GUN. MALCHMAN APPEARED TO HAVE A MENTAL PROBLEM AND WHEN REGISTERING AT HOTEL FURNISHED PO BOX ONE FOUR ONE, HYANNIS, MASS., AS RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT AT CAPE COD FURNITURE STORE, HYANNIS.

SGT. WEAVER STATED MALCHMAN ARRESTED IN SIXTYFOUR, BY MIAMI BEACH PD, MIAMI BEACH, FLA., FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

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FURNISHED DATE OF BIRTH AS APR. TWELVE, TWENTYFIVE, AND DESCRIBED AS A WHITE, MALE, FIVE FEET, NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES.

INFO WAS OBTAINED BY THE FBI FROM THE HYANNIS POLICE DEPT. THAT MALCHMAN RESIDES SIX THREE OCEAN STREET, HYANNIS, MASS., HIS FATHER IS SAMUEL MALCHMAN, OWNER OF CAPE COD FURNITURE CO., HYANNIS, WHERE SON IS EMPLOYED OFF AND ON BY FATHER.

RECORDS SHOW THAT MALCHMAN ARRESTED JUNE ONE, FORTYTHREE, ASSAULT AND BATTERY, FOUND GUILTY, FINED FIFTEEN DOLLARS BY BARNSTABLE PD AT HYANNIS. FROM NOV. SEVENTEEN, FIFTYSIX, TO PRESENT MALCHMAN HAS HAD BRIEF COMMITMENTS AT TAUTON, MASS., STATE HOSPITAL, A MENTAL INSTITUTION. HE WAS ARRESTED JAN. TWENTY, LAST, AT HYANNIS FOR DRUNK AND DISTURBING THE PEACE. HE WAS COMMITTED TO TAUTON ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE, LAST, HE WALKED OFF AND WAS LATER RETURNED BY AUTHORITIES AND AGAIN LEFT THIS INSTITUTION ON FEB. TWELVE, LAST. BARNSTABLE

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PD ADVISED THAT MALCHMAN HAS PROSECUTION COMPLEX, IS MENTALLY UNSTABLE, AND HAS HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES WHEN DRINKING. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING ANTI-NEGRO TENDENCIES.

SGT. WEAVER STATED THAT HE HAS DETERMINED MALCHMAN NOT IN POSSESSION OF ANY WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVES.

LT. HARVERT SWILLEY, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, MIAMI PD, ATTENDED MEETING, DUPONT PLAZA, TODAY, WHERE MARTIN LUTHER KING ADDRESSED A GROUP OF LOCAL CITIZENS. KING STATED THEY ARE PLANNING TO TAKE THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED POOR PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND WILL STAY THERE UNTIL SOMETHING IS DONE FOR THESE PEOPLE. KING STATED THEY HAVE THE SUPPORT FROM SOME WHITE GROUPS.

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REFERENCE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, FEB. TWENTYONE, LAST.

INFO RELATIVE TO THREAT AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN HANDLED AND BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED. LHM WILL FOLLOW.

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cc: Mr. Tracy

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MM T-1 is [redacted] SOURCE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 21, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Inspector OWEN W. DAVIS and Detective SILAS VAUGHN, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., presently in Miami on assignment, stated February 21, 1968, that they attended workshop meetings and a general meeting on February 20, 1968. There was no discussion at these meetings relative to the Washington Spring Project. The meetings generally related to the Ministers Leadership Training Program, as outlined in a leaflet distributed to the delegates. Inspector DAVIS estimated 20 Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) members among the delegates. He said most of the delegates are ministers from various sections of the United States.

Inspector DAVIS stated a press conference was held February 20, 1968, with Dr. ANDREW YOUNG and Reverend T. Y. ROGERS, JR., answering most of the questions. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was not present at the press conference and has not been seen at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel by any of the security and hotel personnel on February 20, 1968, and the morning of February 21, 1968.

MM T-1 furnished the following information on February 21, 1968:

The SCLC meeting which he is attending at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors, continued throughout the day of February 20, 1968, without any major developments.

The group of ministers attending was broken up into workshop units of approximately nine or ten ministers each. Each group had a leader who directed the activities of his workshop.

One such workshop was directed by Reverend JESSIE JACKSON, who is a SCLC leader from Chicago. During the progress of this workshop, Reverend JACKSON made the following statements:

He advocated that at least 1000 ministers go to Washington to demand that the United States pull out of Viet Nam. He felt that if such activity could be arranged, it would bring sufficient weight to bear to cause the Government to take such action.

He discussed what was termed "bread basket project" which was described as an SCLC project which would be instituted in the large city ghettos, wherein economic pressure would be brought on white merchants to employ Negro help and also on the white business community to deposit funds in Negro banks. These projects were to be set up in advance and if the desired result was not obtained, then the SCLC would resort to picketing and demonstrating and this would be brought about through pre-arrangements whereby it would be only necessary to make a number of phone calls and give a code word "knock out" which would bring the desired pickets and demonstrators to a pre-arranged location.

The above was discussed in general terms and no specific cities or areas were mentioned. But this was put forth as a project that could be put into effect.

Reverend JAMES BEVEL, a KING aide from Chicago, addressed a group in which he stated that he firmly believed in burning down the cities if something significant would come out of it. But that he did not believe in burning the cities just for the sake of burning them.

(JAMES BEVEL is referred to in the Appendix section of this memorandum.)

Reverend BEVEL additionally made the statement that he had attempted to get Negro leaders in New York to burn down the city when ADAM CLAYTON POWELL lost his Congressional seat, however, was unsuccessful.

Also from BEVEL's address, it was apparent that there is a marked growing tendency away from de-segregation and integration and a definite move by the SCLC toward economic and political black power.

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Additionally, it was evident from BEVEL's address that there is a growing tendency to degrade the institutionalized church which was described as the "Sunday Church" that is well established in this country and to unite all of the colored churches into one tremendous, powerful group. Also, there is evidence of attempts to break the moral fiber of attending ministers. As an example, Reverend BEVEL stated that he was convinced and firmly believed that Mary was raped by a Roman soldier and that Christ was not the result of a virgin birth.

(First Name Unknown) WOODRUFF, an Episcopal minister from Philadelphia was overheard to state that he was head of the "Liberation School" in Philadelphia and that he had many classes in various homes in the area. He stated that he was in favor of using terrorist tactics to achieve the ends of "Black Power." Also, it was overheard that WOODRUFF allegedly had been arrested in Nashville, Tennessee, some time ago for having operated a "hate school."

On February 21, 1968, MM T-2 furnished the following information:

At a workshop meeting held on February 21, 1968, the fact that the Ford Foundation was paying for this meeting was discussed.

The main topic of discussion was, however, "operation bread basket" which is to be put into effect by the ministers when they return to their respective cities. This project is to bring economic pressure upon the white business community in order to secure better jobs, better housing, more pay and to generally improve the conditions of the Negroes in the large ghetto areas.

This project will take the form of a coordinated, concerted effort to bring economic pressure and efforts will be made to coordinate this program throughout the country so that economic pressure can be brought on some specific segment of the economy on a national basis. An example was given wherein picketing and demonstrations could occur simultaneously at a business enterprise such as "Coca Cola" so that on a pre-arranged date and time, pickets and

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demonstrators would appear simultaneously at concerns operated by Coca Cola or any other similar business throughout the country.

There has been no discussion of the Washington Spring Project and the conference is moving along smoothly with no discussion of any expected violence or disturbances which might possibly lead to violence.

Former Senator HARRY P. CAIN (formerly from Washington State, now residing in Miami, Florida) who has offices in the executive suite of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association office building, Miami, Florida, telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on February 21, 1968. Senator CAIN advised that he is chairman of the Community Relations Board for Dade County, Florida, and was contacted by two individuals who stated they were aides of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. These aides stated that Reverend KING desired to meet with a small representative group of Miami people involved with the Community Relations Board in order that he might explain in detail what his programs would be for the coming months.

Senator CAIN reported that he was arranging such a meeting and he expects to have approximately forty community leaders present, including representatives from all local newspapers. He stated that the meeting was not for the purpose of obtaining a news story and those attending would be so advised. Senator CAIN reported that the meeting will be held at 12:15 PM, February 22, 1968, in the Terrace Room of the DuPont Plaza Hotel.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to the United States Secret Service, Miami; United States Attorney, Miami; 11lth M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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APPENDIX

JAMES BEVEL

BEVEL, in early March, 1966, was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side W.E.B. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCC). Discussion took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that every thinking American should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 21, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/20/68

The attached relates to a conference of Negro clergymen being held in Miami, Florida.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested divisions of the Department, the military, and appropriate agencies by memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR 157-8428 (CODE)

FROM MIAMI 157-2354

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTERS.

THE "MIAMI HERALD" LOCAL MIAMI, FLA., NEWSPAPER, REPORTED FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OPENED A SERIES OF MEETINGS FEB. NINETEEN, LAST, DESIGNED TO HELP NEGRO CLERGYMEN MINISTER TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THEIR CONGREGATIONS. DR. KING AND REV. ANDREW YOUNG, AN AIDE IN THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) SAID THE FIVE-DAY SERIES OF CONFERENCES WILL NOT INCLUDE PLANNING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS. THEY BOTH SAID THEY DID NOT EXPECT STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND RAP BROWN, LEADERS OF THE VOCAL BLACK NATIONALIST-MILITANCY, TO ATTEND. HOWEVER, REV. YOUNG SAID, "IF STOKELY AND RAP COME WE WON'T THROW THEM OUT."

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LT. HARVERT SWILLEY, MIAMI, FLA., PD, MADE AVAILABLE A FOUR-PAGE LEAFLET ON THE MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS LEAFLET STATES THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN LOCAL LEADERS IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MANY PROBLEMS WHICH THE

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RESIDENTS OF THE GHETTO FACE AND WAYS OF SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS. THE PROGRAM BEGINS WITH AN ORIENTATION WORKSHOP IN MIAMI, FLA., AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN FIFTEEN METROPOLITAN AREAS. EIGHT TO TWENTY MINISTERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THESE AREAS AND WILL DEAL IN PROBLEMS CONCERNING POVERTY, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HOUSING, POLICE BRUTALITY, INTER-GROUP RELATIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PROPERTY OWNERSHIP.

LT. SWILLEY STATED THAT AMONG THE VARIOUS ITEMS OF LITERATURE GIVEN TO THE MINISTERS ATTENDING THE MIAMI CONFERENCE IS A TYPED STATEMENT MADE BY DR. KING ON DEC. FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN. IN THIS STATEMENT, DR. KING SAID SCLC WILL LEAD WAVES OF THE NATION'S POOR AND DISINHERITED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., NEXT SPRING TO DEMAND REDRESS OF THEIR GRIEVANCES BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND TO SECURE AT LEAST JOBS OR INCOME FOR ALL.

MM T-ONE ADVISED MINISTERS CONFERENCE AT SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS, MIAMI, OPENED ON SCHEDULE. DR. KING WELCOMED GROUP AND STATED PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WAS FOR DISCUSSION, STUDY AND TRAINING IN THE PROBLEMS FACING THE NEGROES IN THE

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BIG CITY AREAS. HE STATED THAT ATTENTION WOULD BE GIVEN TO ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE THE TERM "BLACK POWER" WITH THE OVER-ALL CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. NONVIOLENCE WAS CONTINUALLY STRESSED AT OPENING CONFERENCE. DR. KING FURTHER STATED THAT OVER-INTEGRATION COULD OCCUR TO THE POINT THAT NEGROES COULD LOSE THEIR IDENTITY. HE GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, NOT FURTHER EXPLAINED. THE ONLY REMARK MADE RELATIVE TO WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT WAS THAT THIS CONFERENCE WAS NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITING PEOPLE FOR TRIP TO WASHINGTON NOR WOULD IT BE A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. ENTIRE GROUP TO BE BROKEN UP INTO," WORKSHOP UNITS" FOR STUDY AND TRAINING FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT. ALL MINISTERS EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN STUDY GROUPS.

THE ONLY ITEM OF DISSENSION DURING OPENING MEETING WAS ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT DAN MONAHAN, IN SOME WAY CONNECTED WITH URBAN HOUSING, HAD BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE. SOME PARTICIPANTS OBJECTED, HOWEVER, REV. YOUNG STATED THAT HE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO CONFERENCE AND THAT HE SHOULD BE HEARD.

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RE MIAMI TELETYPE, AIRTEL AND ~~LHM~~ MEMO, TO BUREAU, FEB. NINETEEN, LAST.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/20/68

1 - Mr. Morley
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning the progress of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), to organize a massive civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D. C., in the Spring of 1968.

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

King is currently holding the first of two workshops from 2/19-23/68 at Miami, Florida. He has invited approximately 150 Negro ministers throughout the nation to attend this meeting. The Ford Foundation recently gave King's organization a $230,000 grant to hold these workshops in an effort to develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of the nation's major cities. It has been determined that King plans to discuss the Washington Spring Project at this workshop.

Dr. John A. Morsell, Assistant Executive Director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), has advised his organization is not supporting the Washington Spring Project and is taking no part in it. He advised the NAACP

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Memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

has tried, without success, to dissuade King from executing the Project. Dr. Morsell is afraid that King cannot control the demonstrators and there is a likelihood that the overall demonstration will be taken over by extremists.

King appears to be concentrating his attention on the South where he has chartered a small twin-engine aircraft to help speed him about urging people to support his campaign.

Source advised recently that the entire Washington Spring Project seems to be suffering from indecision, petty bickering among the staff members and the idiosyncrasies of King's ego. This source advised that King is worried about the lack of progress being made by his recruiters. He is concerned about the success of the program. He has instructed his staff to seriously consider whether or not they can successfully carry out the Project. If they cannot then it will be necessary to establish a reason as to why he finds it necessary to discontinue the Washington Spring Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army; Navy; and Air Force.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 21, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is holding the first of two workshops to train Negro ministers in urban leadership from February 19 through 23, 1968, at Miami, Florida. He has invited approximately 150 Negro ministers throughout the Nation to attend this meeting at the plush new Sheraton - Four Ambassadors Hotel.

The Ford Foundation recently gave King's organization a $230,000 grant to hold these workshops in an effort to develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of the Nation's major cities.

It has been determined that King's massive civil disobedience campaign, which he calls the "Washington Spring Project," will be discussed at this workshop.

Dr. John A. Morsell, Assistant Executive Director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, advised Special Agents of this Bureau that his organization is not supporting the Washington Spring Project and is taking no part in it. He advised the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has tried, without success, to dissuade King from executing the Project. Dr. Morsell is afraid that King cannot control the demonstrators and there is a likelihood that the overall demonstration will be taken over by extremists.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This past week King concentrated his attention on the South and spoke at rather large gatherings in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama.

King has chartered a small twin-engine aircraft to help speed him about the South urging people to support his Washington Spring Project.

Another source advised recently that the entire Washington Spring Project seems to be suffering from indecision, petty bickering among the staff members, and the idiosyncrasies of King's ego. This source advised that King is worried about the lack of progress being made by his recruiters. He is concerned about the success of the program. He has instructed his staff to seriously consider whether or not they can successfully carry out the Project. If they cannot, then it will be necessary to establish a reason as to why he finds it necessary to discontinue the Washington Spring Project.

In this connection, the "Miami Herald" newspaper on February 18, 1968, reported that some Negro leaders will urge King to detour his planned massive civil disobedience demonstration scheduled for April, 1968, in Washington, D. C., and redirect the demonstrators to the local districts of Congressmen who have voted against civil rights legislation. These leaders feel that Congressmen do not care what happens in Washington, D. C., but they would feel the impact of these demonstrations in their home districts.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for Atlanta two copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

The first confidential source mentioned in enclosed LHM is SOURCE [redacted] while the second is SOURCE [redacted]

Concerning the property, SOURCE [redacted] advised it was his understanding the property was owned by "The URCIOLO Brothers," who are Washington, D.C. real estate dealers.

Records of the D.C. Real Estate Tax Office were checked on 2/19/68, and it was learned the property rented by SCLC is owned by RAPHAEL G. and FLORENCE E. URCIOLO, 421 - 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The current "Polk's City Directory" for the Washington area indicates

C. C. - Bishop

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that URCIOLO resides at 4215 Argyle Terrace, N. W., Washington, D.C. The directory further indicates that the Urciolo Realty Company (RAPHAEL G. and JOSEPH J. URCIOLO) is located at 421 - 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

RAPHAEL G. URCIOLO appears to be identical with subject of a case captioned "RAPHAEL GERALD URCIOLO, aka; SM-C" (Bufile 100-32884, WFOfile 100-1437).

WFO has had past interest in the building rented by the SCLC as investigation has revealed that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) had recently considered this building for their offices, but terminated the idea because of the high cost.

This matter will continue to be followed closely by WFO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535
February 20, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

The February 18, 1968, issue of "The Sunday Star," a daily Washington, D.C., newspaper reported that Dr. Martin Luther King's Washington campaign began quietly as Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) field workers opened an office at 14th and U Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The article identified the field workers as J.T. Johnson, Lester Hankerson and Henry Brownlee of the SCLC and Anthony Henry and William Moyer of the "American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker affiliated organization."

On February 19, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on February 16, 1968, he had passed the building which has been secured by the SCLC and it gave no appearance of being in use. He passed the building again on February 19, 1968, and observed that only two desks had been placed in the building. The office gave no appearance of being opened. He further advised that a typewritten notice was on SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, stationary on a window indicating the office to be the headquarters of Dr. Martin Luther King and his "poor peoples march" on Washington.

On February 20, 1968, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the building located on the northwest corner of 14th and U Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., was being readied for use by Dr. Martin Luther King and the SCLC. This source observed the building to have two entrances. One entrance is located on 1401 U Street, N.W., while the other is 2000 - 14th Street, N.W. He advised that no activity was taking place at the office.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

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RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami airtel and LHM, 2/19/68, and Miami teletype to Bureau, 2/20/68, and Bureau airtel to Atlanta and 21 other offices, no copies for Memphis, St. Louis, Houston, and San Francisco, copies of which are enclosed for these Offices, dated 2/16/68.

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Recipient Offices should follow this matter in accordance with instructions set forth in referenced Bureau airtel.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 20, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to communication from this Bureau dated February 19, 1968.

The "Miami Herald" a local Miami, Florida, newspaper on February 20, 1968, reported that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., opened a series of meetings in Miami, Florida, on February 19, 1968, designed to help Negro clergymen minister to the social and economic needs of their congregations. This article reported that Dr. KING and Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, one of his top aides in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), said the five-day series of conferences will not include planning for civil rights or anti-war demonstrations.

It was also reported that Dr. KING and Reverend YOUNG both said they did not expect STOKELY CARMICHAEL and RAP BROWN, leaders of the vocal Black Nationalist militancy to attend. However, Reverend YOUNG said, "If STOKELY and RAP come we won't throw them out." This article goes on to report that in addition to the 150 official delegates, about 50 more ministers are expected to attend the meetings, which are not open to the public.

It was reported that about 125 delegates attended a luncheon on February 19, 1968, and heard a talk by Dr. R. A. ABERNATHY, a Vice-President of SCLC. In addition, this article reports that three lecturers, followed by workshop sessions, are scheduled for February 20, 1968.

MM T-1 advised that the Ministers Conference at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors, Miami, Florida, opened on schedule on February 19, 1968. In welcoming the group, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., reiterated that the purpose of this conference was for discussion, study and training in connection with problems facing the Negroes in the big city areas.

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He further stated that attention would be given to attempting to reconcile the term "black power" with the overall civil rights movement in the United States. During the opening conference, nonviolence was continuously stressed.

Dr. KING stated that over-integration could occur to the point that Negroes could lose their identity. He gave as an example the integration of the Methodist Church, however, this was not further explained.

The only remark that was made to the people in attendance relative to the "Washington trip" was that this conference in Miami would not be used for the purpose of recruiting people for the trip to Washington, nor would it be a topic of discussion.

On February 20, 1968, the entire group will be broken up into "workshop units" according to their interest and needs of the area from which the various ministers came. All leaders are to take part in the activities of the workshop and report back to the entire assembly.

During the opening day of this meeting, only one item of dissension occurred and that involved some opposition to the fact that apparently DAN MONAHAN, who was formerly connected with Urban Housing, has been invited to address the conference in Miami. Some ministers disagreed with this invitation, however, Reverend ANDREW YOUNG stated that his presence could contribute to the conference, and that he should be heard.

On February 20, 1968, Lieutenant HARVERT SWILLEY, Intelligence Unit, Miami, Florida, Police Department, reported that several items of literature were being passed out to the delegates. Included in the literature was a leaflet captioned "The Southern Christian Leadership Conference" and outlines the purpose of the training program. In addition, a statement made by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, on December 4, 1967, which statement relates to the Washington Spring Project, was also being passed out.

These two items are quoted as follows:

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

"THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President

"MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM
Rev. T. Y. Rogers, Jr., Director

"CRISIS OF THE CITIES: A CREATIVE ANGLE

"'...transforming the inchoate rage of the ghetto into a creative force for change....'

"The Ministers Leadership Training Program is designed to train local leaders in the knowledge of the many problems which the residents of the ghetto face and in ways of solving these problems. Our focus is the Black Preacher and the Black church for we believe that the greatest potential power for controlling the forces which make and sustain as well as those which can change the structure of the ghetto, is within the Black church. We further believe that because of the central place for which the Black church holds in the Negro community, we can develop the kind of leadership which will develop programs to transfer control of the ghetto to those who reside there. Finally, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is an extension of the church and therefore much of our emphasis should be on strengthening the witness of the church in areas of life where problems are greatest.

"The Ministers Leadership Training Program will be conducted in fifteen metropolitan areas of our nation. We have selected a minimum of eight and a maximum of twenty preachers from these fifteen areas, depending upon the size and population, who will participate in our program. Our program begins with an orientation workshop in Miami, Florida. This workshop is designed to acquaint the preachers who will participate in our program with the over all history and philosophy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and with the programs which demand our concern at present. This workshop is also designed to acquaint the participants with the nature and scope

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"of the multiplicity of problems facing the residents of the ghetto. Our emphasis will be on a detailed examination of the forces which make the ghetto a reality; the structures which maintain the ghetto; and the possibility of destroying the ghetto by re-structuring and changing ownership of the economic structures of the ghetto. There will also be an examination of the theology of the church, a look at the history of the Black church, and a re-defining of the ethic of the Black church in terms of the problems faced by Black churches today.

"To accomplish the above mentioned ends we have invited to this workshop persons with expertise in the problems of the ghetto. They will deal with the 'Making of the Ghetto,' 'the New Mythology,' 'Political Action and Political Coalition,' the 'Challenge of an Urban Ministry,' 'Jobs,' 'Welfare Rights,' 'Nonviolence and Social Change,' and other problems facing the poor.

"During the orientation workshop the cities will be organized. A convener will be chosen for each city with the exception of New York City which will have a convener for Brooklyn and Queens and another for Manhattan and the Bronx. These sixteen conveners will call the men of their cities together once per week for study, discussion, learning, planning and executing programs. The conveners will serve as the link between the Atlanta office of the Ministers Leadership Training Program and the particular city involved, and will channel programs and information to the members of their group.

"In brief the goals of the Ministers Leadership Training Program are as follows:

"1. To sensitize Black preachers to the problems of the ghetto and the relationship of these problems to their ministries.

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"2. To create a discipline for analyzing and understanding the forces which create and sustain the ghetto.

"3. To develop an understanding of the various methods of solving problems and to focus these methods on solving the problems of the ghetto.

"4. To lay the foundation for the organization and structuring of the ghetto to meet the needs of the people who live there.

"5. To create a common force of grass-roots people to affect positive change in the ghetto.

"The problems with which this program is concerned are poverty, employment, education, housing, police brutality, inter-group relations, health and welfare, community services and property ownership.

"The cities in which this program will be conducted are:

1. Atlanta
2. Birmingham
3. Chicago
4. Cleveland
5. Detroit
6. Baltimore
7. New York
8. Los Angeles
9. Memphis
10. Philadelphia
11. St. Louis
12. San Francisco
13. Washington, D. C.
14. Newark
15. Houston

"Co-operating agencies: Urban Training Center of Chicago, Metropolitan Applied Research Center of New York, Internship for Clergyman in Urban Ministry of Cleveland and Gammon Theological Seminary of Atlanta."

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

"Statement by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

"December 4, 1967

"Ladies and Gentlemen:

"Last week the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held one of the most important meetings we have ever convened. We had intensive discussions and analyses of our work and of the challenges which confront us and our nation, and at the end we made a decision which I wish to announce today.

"The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will lead waves of the nation's poor and disinherited to Washington, D. C., next spring to demand redress of their grievances by the United States government and to secure at least jobs or income for all.

"We will go there, we will demand to be heard, and we will stay until America responds. If this means forcible repression of our movement, we will confront it, for we have done this before. If this means scorn or ridicule, we embrace it, for that is what America's poor now receive. If it means jail, we accept it willingly, for the millions of poor already are imprisoned by exploitation and discrimination. But we hope, with growing confidence, that our campaign in Washington will receive at first a sympathetic understanding across our nation, followed by dramatic expansion of nonviolent demonstrations in Washington and simultaneous protests elsewhere. In short, we will be petitioning our government moves against poverty.

"We have now begun preparations for the Washington campaign. Our staff will soon be taking new assignments to organize people to go to Washington from 10 key cities and 5 rural areas. This will be no mere one-day march in Washington, but a trek to the nation's capital by suffering and outraged citizens

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"who will go to stay until some definite and positive action is taken to provide jobs and income for the poor.

"We are sending our staff into these key areas to meet with the local leadership of these areas to discuss their readiness to cooperate with us in this venture.

"In the coming weeks we will disclose our detailed plans on mobilizing this massive campaign. and on the specific proposals which we are formulating.

"Today I would like to tell you why the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has decided to undertake this task with the advice and participation we anticipate from other organizations and thousands of individuals.

"America is at a crossroads of history, and it is critically important for us, a nation and a society, to choose a new path and move upon it with resolution and courage.

"It is impossible to under-estimate the crisis we face in America. The stability of a civilization, the potential of free government, and the simple honor of men are at stake.

"Those who serve in the human-rights movement, including our Southern Christian Leadership Conference, are keenly aware of the increasing bitterness and despair and frustration that threaten the worst chaos, hatred and violence any nation has ever encountered.

"In a sense, we are already at war with and among ourselves. Affluent Americans are locked into suburbs of physical comfort and mental insecurity; poor Americans are locked inside ghettoes of material privation and spiritual debilitation; and all of us can almost feel the presence of a kind of social insanity which could lead to national ruin.

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"Consider, for example, the spectacle of cities burning while the national government speaks of repression instead of rehabilitation. Or think of children starving in Mississippi while prosperous farmers are rewarded for not producing food. Or Negro mothers leaving children in tenements to work in neighborhoods where people of color can not live. Or the awesome bombardment, already greater than the munitions we exploded in World II, against a small Asian land, while political brokers de-escalate and very nearly disarm a timid action against poverty. Or a nation gorged on money while millions of its citizens are denied a good education, adequate health services, decent housing, meaningful employment, and even respect, and are then told to be responsible.

"The true responsibility for the existence of these deplorable conditions lies ultimately with the larger society, and much of the immediate responsibility for removing the injustices can be laid directly at the door of the federal government.

"This is the institution which has the power to act, the resources to tap, and the duty to respond. And yet, this very government now lacks the will to make reforms which are demanded by a rising chorus across the nation. According to the Harris Poll, for example, a substantial majority of Americans believe that we must proceed at once to tear down and rebuild the slums, and a solid majority feel that everyone should have a job. Concerned leaders of industry, civil-rights organizations, labor unions and churches are joining in such groups as the new Urban Coalition to urge progressive economic measures at the national level. Many urban political leaders are ready to carry out enlightened programs if only the federal government will provide the needed financial support. Newsweek magazine recently devoted an entire issue to the problem of racism in America and set forth some sound proposals for dealing with this situation.

"I cite these facts merely to show that a clear majority in America are asking for the very things which we will demand in Washington.

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"We have learned from hard and bitter experience in our movement that our government does not move to correct a problem involving race until it is confronted directly and dramatically. It required a Selma before the fundamental right to vote was written into the federal statutes. It took a Birmingham to dramatize the economic plight of the Negro, and compel the government to act.

"Unrest among the poor of America, and particularly among Negroes, is growing rapidly. In this age of technological wizardry and political immorality, the poor are demanding that the basic need of people be met as the first priority of our domestic programs. Poor people can not long be placated by the glamour of multi-billion-dollars exploits in space. Poor people who encounter racial discrimination every day in every aspect of their lives can not be fooled by patronizing gestures and half-way promises. Poor people who are treated with derision and abuse by an economic system soon conclude with elementary logic that they have no rational interest in killing people 12,000 miles away in the name of defending that system.

"We intend to channelize the smouldering rage and frustration of Negro people in to an effective, militant and nonviolent movement of massive proportions in Washington and other areas. Similarly, we will be calling on the swelling masses of young people in this country who are disenchanted with this materialistic society, and asking them to join us in our new Washington movement. We also look for participation by representatives of the millions of non-Negro poor-Indians, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Appalachians, and others. And we shall welcome assistance from all Americans of good will.

"And so, we have decided to go to Washington and to use any means of legitimate nonviolent protest necessary to move our nation and our government on a new course of social, economic, and political reform. As I said before, the power to initiate this reform resides in Washington. The President and the Congress have a primary responsibility for low minimum wages, for a degrading system of inadequate welfare, for subsidies of the rich and unemployment and under-

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"employment of the poor, for a war mentality, for slums and starvation, and racism. The survival of a free society depends upon the guarantee and survival of freedom and equality. This is what we seek.

"In the final analysis, SCLC decided to go to Washington because, if we did not act, we would be abdicating our responsibilities as an organization committed to nonviolence and freedom. We are keeping that commitment, and we shall call on America to join us in our forthcoming Washington campaign. In this way, we can work creatively against the despair and indifference that have so often caused our nation to be immobilized during the cold winter and shaken profoundly in the hot summer."

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Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to United States Secret Service, Miami; United States Attorney, Miami; 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 20, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/20/68

The attached relates to a conference of Negro clergymen being held in Miami, Florida.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested divisions of the Department, the military, and appropriate agencies by memorandum.

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U R G E N T 2-20-68

TO DIRECTOR 157-8423 (CODE)

FROM MIAMI 157-2354

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTERS.

MR. TRAINOR
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THE "MIAMI HERALD" LOCAL MIAMI, FLA., NEWSPAPER, REPORTED FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OPENED A SERIES OF MEETINGS FEB. NINETEEN, LAST, DESIGNED TO HELP NEGRO CLERGYMEN MINISTER TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THEIR CONGREGATIONS. DR. KING AND REV. ANDREW YOUNG, AN AIDE IN THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) SAID THE FIVE-DAY SERIES OF CONFERENCES WILL NOT INCLUDE PLANNING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS. THEY BOTH SAID THEY DID NOT EXPECT STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND RAP BROWN, LEADERS OF THE VOCAL BLACK NATIONALIST MILITANCY, TO ATTEND. HOWEVER, REV. YOUNG SAID, "IF STOKELY AND RAP COME WE WON'T THROW THEM OUT."

LT. HARVERT SWILLEY, MIAMI, FLA., PD, MADE AVAILABLE A FOUR-PAGE LEAFLET ON THE MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS LEAFLET STATES THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN LOCAL LEADERS IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MANY PROBLEMS WHICH THE

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Included in letter to White House and Attorney General. Dated 2-21-68

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RESIDENTS OF THE GHETTO FACE AND WAYS OF SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS. THE PROGRAM BEGINS WITH AN ORIENTATION WORKSHOP IN MIAMI, FLA., AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN FIFTEEN METROPOLITAN AREAS. EIGHT TO TWENTY MINISTERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THESE AREAS AND WILL DEAL IN PROBLEMS CONCERNING POVERTY, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HOUSING, POLICE BRUTALITY, INTER-GROUP RELATIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PROPERTY OWNERSHIP.

LT. SWILLEY STATED THAT AMONG THE VARIOUS ITEMS OF LITERATURE GIVEN TO THE MINISTERS ATTENDING THE MIAMI CONFERENCE IS A TYPED STATEMENT MADE BY DR. KING ON DEC. FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN. IN THIS STATEMENT, DR. KING SAID SCLC WILL LEAD WAVES OF THE NATION'S POOR AND DISINHERITED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., NEXT SPRING TO DEMAND REDRESS OF THEIR GRIEVANCES BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND TO SECURE AT LEAST JOBS OR INCOME FOR ALL.

MM T-ONE ADVISED MINISTERS CONFERENCE AT SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS, MIAMI, OPENED ON SCHEDULE. DR. KING WELCOMED GROUP AND STATED PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WAS FOR DISCUSSION, STUDY AND TRAINING IN THE PROBLEMS FACING THE NEGROES IN THE

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BIG CITY AREAS. HE STATED THAT ATTENTION WOULD BE GIVEN TO ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE THE TERM "BLACK POWER" WITH THE OVER-ALL CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. NONVIOLENCE WAS CONTINUALLY STRESSED AT OPENING CONFERENCE. DR. KING FURTHER STATED THAT OVER-INTEGRATION COULD OCCUR TO THE POINT THAT NEGROES COULD LOSE THEIR IDENTITY. HE GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, NOT FURTHER EXPLAINED. THE ONLY REMARK MADE RELATIVE TO WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT WAS THAT THIS CONFERENCE WAS NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITING PEOPLE FOR TRIP TO WASHINGTON NOR WOULD IT BE A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. ENTIRE GROUP TO BE BROKEN UP INTO " WORKSHOP UNITS" FOR STUDY AND TRAINING FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT. ALL MINISTERS EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN STUDY GROUPS.

THE ONLY ITEM OF DISSENSION DURING OPENING MEETING WAS ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT DAN MONAHAN, IN SOME WAY CONNECTED WITH URBAN HOUSING, HAD BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE. SOME PARTICIPANTS OBJECTED, HOWEVER, REV. YOUNG STATED THAT HE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO CONFERENCE AND THAT HE SHOULD BE HEARD.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/19/68

The attached relates to a gathering of Negro leaders in Miami, Florida, currently in session.

The attached information to be furnished to the White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of the Department, the military, and appropriate agencies by memorandum.

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U R G E N T 2-19-68

TO DIRECTOR 157-8428 (CODE)

FROM MIAMI 157-2354 3P

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTERS.

THE "MIAMI HERALD," LOCAL MIAMI, FLA., NEWSPAPER, REPORTED FEB. EIGHTEEN, LAST, THAT SOME NEGRO LEADERS, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, WILL URGE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT MEETINGS IN MIAMI, FLA., TO DETOUR HIS PLANNED MASSIVE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE NEGRO LEADERS WILL RECOMMEND THAT EFFORTS BE REDIRECTED TO DEMONSTRATE IN DISTRICTS OF CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE VOTED AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION.

THE HERALD REPORTED THAT ONE PROMINENT CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER WHO REQUESTED HIS IDENTITY BE WITHHELD, SAID "CONGRESSMEN COULD CARE LESS ABOUT DEMONSTRATIONS IN WASHINGTON -- AND NEGROES COULD BE MADE TO LOOK BAD NATIONALLY. BUT IF THE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE HELD IN THE HOME DISTRICTS OF CERTAIN CONGRESSMEN THEY MOST CERTAINLY WILL FEEL THE IMPACT."

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REC-9 157-8428/212

13 FEB 26 1968

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FOR EXECUTIVE FOR THE DIRECTOR

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, STATED ON FEB. NINETEEN, INSTANT, THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ARRIVED AT THE SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL AT TEN THIRTY PM ON FEB. EIGHTEEN; LAST. DR. KING REFUSED TO UTILIZE THE SUITE RESERVED FOR HIM AND KEPT MOVING FROM ROOM TO ROOM. TWO OF DR. KING'S AIDES, IDENTIFIED AS DR. A. YOUNG AND REV. F.C. BENNETT, MADE A THOROUGH CHECK OF THE ROOM RESERVED FOR DR. KING, APPARENTLY LOOKING FOR A "BUGGING DEVICE."

DR. KING, THROUGH DR. YOUNG AND REV. BENNETT, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, HAS ALREADY REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA AND IT APPEARED TO THE SOURCE THAT KING WAS QUITE CONCERNED WITH THE AMOUNT OF SECURITY BEING EFFECTED BY THE SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL, ALONG WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

THE SOURCE REPORTED THAT THE MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM STARTED WITH A LUNCHEON IN THE PAN AMERICAN ROOM AT TWELVE THIRTY PM, FEB. NINETEEN, INSTANT, WITH ATTENDANCE ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED SIXTY PERSONS. THE DIPLOMAT ROOM HAS BEEN SET ASIDE AS AN EXHIBIT ROOM AND THE

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GENERAL MEETING, WITH AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE, IS TAKING PLACE IN THE PARLIAMENTARY AND ASSEMBLY ROOM.

THE SOURCE REPORTED THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE OF PICKETING OR DEMONSTRATIONS TAKING PLACE AT THE SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, FEB. SIXTEEN, LAST, AND BUREAU AIRTEL TO ATLANTA, FEB. SIXTEEN, LAST. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

SOURCE USED ABOVE IS [redacted]

LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

END. SULLIVAN

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FBI

Date: 2/12/68

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Mr. [illegible]
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to the following communications, captioned as above: Bureau airtels to Atlanta and other Offices, 2/14, 16/68; Miami airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/10/68; Miami teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago and WFO, 2/16/68; Cincinnati radiogram to Bureau, WFO, Atlanta, and Miami, 2/16/68; Atlanta radiogram to Bureau and Miami, 2/16/68; Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Atlanta and Miami, 2/17/68; Chicago teletype to Bureau and Miami, 2/17/68. In addition, reference is also made to Miami airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/14/68, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS-C" and Atlanta airtel and LHM captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C" and "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER-C" dated 2/15/68.

REC-71 157-229

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM, dated and captioned as above. Copies for listed Offices as indicated below.

FEB 27 1968

Confidential Source

The source used in LHM is

5 - Bureau (Enc-11) (AMSD) (RM)
(3 - 157-8428 WSP)
(1 - 100-436794 SCLC)
(1 - 100-106670 MARTIN LUTHER KING)
3 - Atlanta (Enc-3) (RM)
(1 - 157-2924) (WSP)
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586 KING)
2 - Birmingham (157-3236 WSP) (RM) (Enc-2)

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MM 157-2354

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3 - Chicago (Enc-3) (RW)
(2 - 157- WSP)
(1 - 105-16238 SCLC)
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(2 - 157-1395) (WSP)
(1 - 100-42300) (SCLC)
4 - Miami
(1 - 157-2354) (WSP)
(1 - 157-1087) (PRV)
(1 - 157-489) (SCLC)
(1 - 105-15079) (KING)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 19, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to communication from the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated February 10, 1968.

The "Miami Herald," a local Miami, Florida, newspaper, reported February 18, 1968, that some Negro leaders, not further identified, will urge Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at meetings in Miami, Florida, to detour his planned massive civil disobedience demonstration scheduled for April in Washington, D.C. The Negro leaders will recommend that efforts be redirected to demonstrate in districts of Congressmen who have voted against civil rights legislation.

The "Miami Herald" reported that one prominent civil rights leader, who requested his identity be withheld, said "Congressmen could care less about demonstrations in Washington--and Negroes could be made to look bad nationally. But if the demonstrations are held in the home districts of certain Congressmen they most certainly will feel the impact."

MM T-1 advised on February 19, 1968, that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., arrived at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel at 10:30 PM on February 18, 1968. Dr. KING refused to utilize the suite reserved for him and kept moving from room to room. Two of Dr. KING's aides, identified as Dr. A. YOUNG and Reverend F. C. BENNETT, made a thorough check of the room reserved for Dr. KING, apparently looking for a "bugging device."

Dr. KING, through Dr. YOUNG and Reverend BENNETT, according to the source, has already refused to be interviewed by the various news media and it appeared to the source that KING was quite concerned with the amount of security being effected by the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel, along with local authorities.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

MM T-1 reported that the Ministers Leadership Training Program started with a luncheon in the Pan American Room at 12:30 PM, February 19, 1968, with attendance estimated at 160 persons. The Diplomat Room has been set aside as an exhibit room and the general meeting, with an estimated 170 persons in attendance, is taking place in the Parliamentary and Assembly Room.

The source reported there has been no evidence of picketing or demonstrations taking place at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Miami; United States Attorney, Miami; 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 19, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FBI

Date: 2/16/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (100-161) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
BUFILE 100-106670

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
BUFILE 157-8428

Re Jackson tel to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, and Mobile 2/15/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 10 copies of LHM regarding KING'S visit to Jackson 2/15/68; two copies of LHM forwarded MIGp, Jackson; one copy forwarded USA, Jackson and Secret Service, Jackson; two copies enclosed for Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile and Springfield; one copy enclosed for WFO.

ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
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2 - Mobile (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Springfield (Enc. 2) (RM)
1 - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info)
6 - Jackson
(2 - 100-161) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 157-9097) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
(1 - 157-452) (MFDP)
(1 - 157-9098) (SCDA)
(1 - 157-9032) (NWRO)

REC 18 100-106670-3215

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Sources utilized in LHM are identified as follows:

SOURCE	IDENTITY	LOCATION
CS 1	[redacted] Source	JN 170-485-SF1
CS 2	[redacted] Source	JN 157-9097-31
CS 3	[redacted] Source	JN 170-516-SF1
CS 4	[redacted] Source	JN 170-523-SF1

Special Agents contacting Jackson sources were SA THOMAS FITZPATRICK and SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD.

Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is [redacted] Source. Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are [redacted] Source and [redacted] Source.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted] Source WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS SOURCE MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by [redacted] Source. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

LEADS:

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE

Will report developments regarding travels of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and associates.

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SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Will determine owner of late model brown Cadillac bearing Illinois license 225-058.

JACKSON

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will follow developments regarding meeting scheduled for 3/3/68 at Mt. Beulah, Miss. regarding Washington Spring Project, (WSP).

2. Will follow other developments regarding WSP as pertinent to Mississippi.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
February 16, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On February 15, 1968, a confidential source, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that he determined that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was to arrive at Jackson, Mississippi from Atlanta, Georgia on this date to present a work shop on his Washington Spring Project (WSP) to local Jackson Negro groups at Mt. Beulah Center, Edwards, Mississippi.

Appropriate local, state, and federal authorities were immediately advised by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the pending arrival of Reverend King at Jackson.

David Bethea, Investigator (NA), Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), advised that Reverend King arrived at Thompson Airport at Jackson, Mississippi at 10:20 AM, on February 15, 1968 from Atlanta, Georgia. King was accompanied in a private Cessna Aircraft by two Negro males, Hosea Williams and Bernard Lee, aides of King's. Also accompaning King on his private plane, in addition to the pilot and co-pilot were Associated Press reporter Don Mc Kee of Atlanta, Georgia, Jose Y. Glesias, reporter with the New York Times Sunday Magazine and two cameramen from the National Education Television group, San Francisco, California. Bethea said these latter four individuals were white males.

ENCLOSURE

GROUP 1

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Bethea said the group was met by Leon Hall and R. B. Cottonreader, Negro male, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) leaders from Grenada, Mississippi and two unidentified Negroes, one female and one male.

Bethea said the group then entered two automobiles, a 1967 blue Ford, bearing Mississippi license H-32681 and a 1968 yellow Ford, bearing Mississippi license H-45322. He said King rode in the yellow Ford. He said the group arrived at Jackson at 10:20 AM and departed the airport at 10:45 AM.

On February 15, 1968, Mrs. Elinor Naron, Hinds County, Mississippi Auto Tag Agency, advised that Mississippi license H-32681 is registered for a 1967 Ford, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 7U53C145757 to the Lawyers' Committee, 233 North Farish Street, Jackson, Mississippi. She said Mississippi license H-45322 is registered for a 1968 Ford, VIN 8US6F125108 to Hertz-Rent-A-Car, Jackson, Mississippi.

On February 16, 1968, B. J. Warren, City Manager, Hertz-Rent-A-Car, 141 East Amite Street, Jackson, advised that a 1968 Ford, Mississippi license H-45322 was rented on February 14, 1968 to Reverend A. J. Young, SCLC, 334 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. He said the auto was rented at the airport office of Hertz and was returned to that office on the morning of February 16, 1968.

On January 25, 1968, a second confidential source advised that Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, would serve as "field director" of demonstrations to be conducted in Washington, D. C., commencing the early part of April, 1968 as part of SCLC'S Washington Spring Project.

On February 1, 1968, same source advised Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, recently informed SCLC officers that Williams would also have general supervision of all SCLC personnel connected with the WSP. This will

include personnel in Washington, D. C., as well as each of the other cities and/or locations which will be involved in the WSP.

A characterization of Hosea Williams appears in the appendix of this document.

On February 15, 1968, M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, advised that he determined that Reverend King was transported to Jackson in an aircraft rented from the Atlanta Air Taxi, Post Office Box 20658, Atlanta, Georgia. He said the pilots were Thomas Milles and James Sorell, both white males. He said the plane is a Cessna 406 twin engine plane, color white, with black stripes. He said the plain bears Number N3223Q.

On February 15, 1968, David Bethea, MHSP, advised that Reverend King and his party, upon leaving the Jackson airport, drove directly to the Mt. Beulah Center, at Edwards, Mississippi, a distance of about 20 miles west of Jackson. He said they arrived at Mt. Beulah at 11:35 AM.

Bethea said he and another Highway Patrol Investigator, who were escorting Reverend King throughout his travels in Jackson, were not allowed on the grounds at the Mt. Beulah Center.

On December 16, 1968, a third confidential source advised that he had attended a work shop held at Mt. Beulah Center on February 15, 1968 by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Source said that about 100 persons were in attendance and after Reverend King arrived lunch was served in a hall at Mt. Beulah to Reverend King's party and others who had gathered. Source said no press representatives were allowed at the dinner or at a work shop conducted thereafter. Source said after the dinner, Reverend King addressed the bi-racial

group present, explaining the purpose of his WSP and talking at length about the way poverty stricken people are suffering in the United States today. The source said at one point a question and answer session was held and Reverend King directed several of the questions received from the audience to his assistant, Hosea Williams, who answered the questions. The source said no groups present indicated they would definitely support King in his WSP, however, it was decided that another meeting in this regard would be held at the Mt. Beulah Center on March 3, 1968. Reverend King indicated he would send an aide to represent him at this next meeting. Source said Reverend King did not indicate when he would return to Mississippi again.

The same source said the following individuals and groups known to him were present at this work shop:

1- Delta Ministry, National Council of Churches, a bi-racial religious group active in Mississippi, which was represented by Owen Brooks, Negro male, Reverend Ed King, white male, and Roger Smith, white male.

2- Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, a bi-racial political group in Mississippi represented by Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr., Negro male, its chairman and Victoria Gray, Negro female, Executive Board Member.

3- The Mississippi Chapter of the National Welfare Rights organization, a bi-racial group seeking favorable welfare legislation which was represented by GERALDINE SMITH, Negro female, State Chairman.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

4- Southern Cooperative Development Agency, a by-racial group which is setting up cooperatives in Negro Ghetto areas in Mississippi, and which was represented by two supervisors, Carolyn Williams, and Henry Hatches, Jr., both Negroes.

The source said that several National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) members were present, however, no state officers were recognized.

The source said that Lawrence Guyot and Geraldine Smith, during one discussion, indicated they were not too anxious to support the WSP as they thought it could possibly disillusion poor Negroes if they traveled all the way to Washington and were unsuccessful.

The source said that the visit of Reverend King had been arranged by R. B. Cottonreader and Leon Hall, SCLC leaders in Grenada, Mississippi.

The source said Reverend King and his party left the Mt. Beulah Center shortly after 2:00 PM on February 15, 1968 to return to the airport.

On February 15, 1968, a fourth confidential source advised that he attended a work shop conducted by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Mt. Beulah Center on that date. The source said that about 150 people were in attendance at the closed session and that King addressed the group seeking support for his WSP in April, 1968. The source said Reverend King and his party appeared to be well received by the group, however, no definite support was guaranteed to Reverend King for his project. The source said the work shop held at Mt. Beulah Center was closed to all news media.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On February 15, 1968, David Bethea, MHSP, advised that Reverend King departed the Mt. Beulah Center at 2:31 PM in the previously described yellow 1968 Ford. He said Reverend King was accompanied by another car, a late model brown Cadillac, bearing Illinois license 225-058. He said these two cars then proceeded to the Edwards Junior High School at Edwards, Mississippi where the school children had been lined up outside of the school on a play ground. He said Reverend King dismounted his car, greeted the children, shook hands with a few of them and then got back in his car and departed. Bethea said this school is a Negro public school in Edwards.

Bethea said King then proceeded directly from Edwards, Mississippi to the Thompson Airport at Jackson, Mississippi, arriving at 3:30 PM.

Don Mc Kee, Associated Press reporter, from Atlanta, Georgia, was accompaning Reverend King, and advised that King would be leaving Jackson for Birmingham, Alabama where he expected to make several stops and then was to visit Montgomery, Alabama thereafter.

On February 15, 1968, David Bethea, MHSP, advised that Reverend King and his party departed Jackson in the same private aircraft they arrived in, at 4:35 PM on this same date.

On February 15, 1968, David Bethea, MHSP and M. B. Pierce, Jackson Police Department, each advised there were no incidents regarding Reverend King's visit to Jackson on this date.

Appropriate local, state and federal authorities were advised of Reverend King's departure and pertinent details regarding his visit as they were received.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, Hunter Pitts O'Dell, also known as Jack H. O'Dell, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell told Edwina Smith December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, Ruth Bailey, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one Connie Campbell, referred to Williams. Bailey said Williams had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) Hunter Pitts O'Dell had told him more about politics than he could read.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
February 16, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character

Reference Letterhead memorandum dated February 16, 1968 at Jackson.

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FBI

Date: 2-16-68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304) (P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
(WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 2-9-68, Cincinnati radiogram to Bureau, WFO, CV, AT and MM, 2-16-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of an LHM regarding the WSP; copies are also being sent to Atlanta for informational purposes for its files on WSP, Cominfil SCLC, and Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING and to Cincinnati for its WSP file.

Copies are also being furnished to the USA, NDO, Cleveland, Ohio; Secret Service, Cleveland, and local military intelligence agencies.

Identies of sources utilized in LHM:

CV T-1 is [redacted] Source

CV T-2 is [redacted] source

CV T-3 is [redacted] Confidential Source - protected by request

ENCLOSURE

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RACIAL INT. SECT.

BY: 4 - Bureau (Enc. 11)
3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3) (RM)
(1 - 100-5718, COMINFIL SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586, MARTIN LUTHER KING)
2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 2) (RM)
6 - Cleveland
(1 - 100-26792, COMINFIL SCLC)
(1 - 157-293 MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 157-263 POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)
(1 - 170-69-2A)
(1 - 157-1320) (E. RANDEL OSBURN)

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI; SEC. SER; CSD, RAO IDIU
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Special Agent in Charge

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This LHM is classified "confidential" as it contains data reported from CV T-1 through CV T-3 which could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants and a source of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

February 16, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

Reference is made to Cleveland memorandum, dated February 9, 1968.

All sources used in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past except for CV T-3 who has furnished some reliable and some unreliable information in the past.

CV T-1 advised on February 11, 1968, that he has stopped by at the storefront at 7902 Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, which is the headquarters of the WSP, on at least a dozen occasions over the weekend of February 10-11, 1968, but the store has been locked with no one inside. There are some desks and a telephone in this store and the lights are on but no one is ever there, nor is there any sign to indicate this is the WSP headquarters in Cleveland.

CV T-2 reported on February 13, 1968, that he had also stopped by at WSP headquarters at 7902 Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, during the past two days but this storefront has been closed; source learned through several inquiries that Reverend OSBURN had not been at WSP headquarters as he has been out of town.

CV T-3 mentioned on February 15, 1968, that ED OSBURN a civil rights leader in Cleveland would be leaving Cleveland on February 16, 1968, for a week long meeting at Miami, Florida, which will be attended by 100 ministers. This meeting reportedly is sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and will be financed by the Ford Foundation. Reportedly Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING had indicated to OSBURN that this meeting would pertain to leadership training for the forthcoming demonstrations in Washington, D.C., and other cities in the Spring of 1968. KING plans to visit Cleveland during the week following the Miami meeting to gain support for these demonstrations.

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Date: 2/16/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2543) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
(OO: WFO)

ReMOairtel and LHM dated 2/9/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed are eight copies of LHM dated and captioned as above reflecting information about activity concerning the Washington Spring Project in the Mobile Division.

A number of copies of the LHM are also being disseminated to other Divisions in the manner shown below.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

The first confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] who requested that his identity be concealed.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

The second confidential source is [redacted] who requested that his identity be concealed.

Dissemination of this information is being made to local intelligence agencies by Mobile. The results of the activities of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, will be covered and reported separately.

ENCLOSURE

3-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
1-Atlanta (Enc. 1) (157-2924) (Info) (RM)
1-Birmingham (Enc. 1) (157-3236) (Info) (RM)
2-WFO (Enc. 2) (157-1395) (RM)
4-Mobile (2-157-2543)
(1-157-ALBERT TURNER - Bishop)
MLC:sdp (1-157-RICHARD BOONE)

15 FEB 19 1968

RACIAL MATTERS SECT.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

February 16, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Mobile, Alabama
February 16, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On February 9, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, said that Albert Turner, State of Alabama leader of the Washington Spring Project, and State of Alabama recruiter for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) addressed a meeting of the Alabama Action Committee (AAC), a Civil Rights Group, at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 5, 1968. At the time, Turner divulged that the SCLC received a $25,000 grant within the last ten days from the Ford Foundation, which was to help defray expenses of the upcoming SCLC demonstrations to be held at Washington, D. C. this spring.

Turner, the source said, is attempting to recruit 200 persons in Alabama for the Washington Spring Project. He is concentrating his activities in this regard in the following seven counties:

Dallas
Monroe
Lowndes
Bullock
Montgomery
Macon
Autauga

The source added that Richard Boone, Executive Director of the AAC, made an appearance following Turner's talk at the AAC meeting held on February 5, 1968, at Montgomery. Boone confirmed Turner's announcement about the $25,000 contributed by the Ford Foundation.

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ALABAMA ACTION COMMITTEE

Seemingly, Turner and Boone have some kind of a working agreement, the source said. It would also appear, the source said, that some kind of alliance exists between the SCLC and the AAC, for the fact that Turner used a meeting of the AAC as a platform to raise his quota of 200 demonstrators for the Washington Spring Project.

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The source said that even though it appears the AAC and the SCLC are cooperating in the Washington Spring Project, he has discovered nothing to cause him to believe that Martin Luther King and Richard Boone are not still at odds.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 14 and 15, 1968, advised that he had received a written notice, which was undated, from Albert Turner at Marion, Alabama, inviting him to attend a meeting to be held on Friday, February 16, 1968, at a Baptist Church located at 143 Broad Street, Selma, Alabama, at 10:00 A. M. The source added that Dr. Martin Luther King was scheduled to address the meeting and to solicit support from those in attendance for the Washington Spring Project.

After the Selma meeting, the source said that King was scheduled to appear at Montgomery at 12:30 P. M., February 16, 1968, at the Maggie Street Baptist Church, where he was to give a similar talk about the Washington Spring Project. Thereafter, King was expected to make his way to Birmingham, Alabama, by airplane.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM MOBILE 100-1472

MARTIN LUTHER KING,JR., SM-C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED- ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN- EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT.

MARTIN LUTHER KING,JR., MADE SPEECH BEFORE GROUP OF ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO TWO HUNDRED PERSONS IN MAGGIE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, MONTGOMERY,ALA. THIS DATE IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. DEPARTED MONTGOMERY BY PRIVATE PLANE FIVE P.M. IN ROUTE ATLANTA.

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URGENT 2-16-68

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-3236

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN - EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL CALL TO MO INSTANT DATE.

AT TEN AM INSTANT DATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HOSEA WILLIAMS, BERNARD LEE, AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA, DEPARTED BH AIRPORT FOR MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, KING ADVISED MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT HE INTENDS TO FLY TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, THIS MORNING, THEREAFTER WILL DRIVE TO PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA, TO SPEAK TO A GROUP IN REGARD TO WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT AND THEN RETURN TO MONTGOMERY. THEREAFTER, KING INTENDS TO FLY TO SELMA, ALABAMA, AND THEN RETURN BY AIRPLANE TO ATLANTA, ETA, FOUR THIRTY PM TODAY. REC-38 100-106670-3205

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Date: 2/16/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM
(OO: WFO)

D. Mitchell
Gorman

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 2/15/68, and Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 2/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve copies of an LHM captioned as above with copies as noted for offices indicated below for information purposes.

SOURCE The source utilized in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] The enclosed LHM is classified "confidential" since unauthorized disclosure of same could result in identification of the confidential source and

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1 - 100-438794 (COMINFIL - SCLC)
3 - Atlanta (Encls. 8) (RM)
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1 - 100-5586 (M. L. KING)
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1 - Richmond (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
1 - Baltimore (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
5 - Chicago
1 - 157-830 (JAMES BEVEL)
1 - 100-35356 (M. L. KING)
1 - 105-16238 (SCLC)
1 - 157-1832 (RALPH HENRY)
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C. C. Bishop

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jeopardize the future effectiveness thereof. As an additional precaution, the LHM has been datelined Washington, D. C., rather than Chicago, Illinois. No copies are being furnished to local agencies Chicago in order to further protect source.

Chicago is following captioned matter and subsequent pertinent developments will be appropriately provided the Bureau and interested offices.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C.
February 16, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTERS

On February 15, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

On February 12, 1968, a meeting of members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was held at the Paschel Motor Inn, Atlanta, Georgia, concerning the Washington Spring Project which is planned to take place during the first part of April, 1968, in Washington, D. C. The following SCLC officers and staff members were present at this meeting:

Martin Luther King,
President of SCLC
Reverend James Bevel
Reverend Jesse Jackson
Andrew Young
Bernard La Fayett
Hosea Williams
Reverend Fred C. Bennette
Bill Rutherford
J. T. Johnson
Ralph Henry
Stoney Cooks

The discussion during this meeting primarily concerned the march from Baltimore, Maryland, to Washington, D. C., which is to signal the beginning of the Washington Spring Project. It was reported at this meeting that there is believed to be

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a serious threat against the life of Martin Luther King and that an attempt upon his life will be made during this march. In order to counteract such an attempt, Reverend Bennette was assigned to be in charge of security for Martin Luther King and Ralph Henry was assigned to be Reverend Bennette's assistant. It was indicated that those involved in this security should be alert for danger, not only from white persons but also from Negroes. No additional information was given at this time concerning any possible threats.

It was reported by several of those present that serious difficulty had been encountered in the northern states in recruiting participants for the Washington Spring Project. It was, therefore, decided to concentrate the recruitment of participants in the southern states.

It was also reported that serious financial problems have developed, especially in certain areas. Hosea Williams presented proposed budgets for the "financially deprived or unresponsive areas involved in the Washington campaign." He stated that for one reason or another the following areas seemed to be having unsolved financial problems in getting their mobilization and recruiting started:

Mississippi
Alabama
Georgia
North Carolina
South Carolina
Virginia
Washington, D. C.
Baltimore, Maryland

Williams stated that it was originally planned that each project area was to raise its own funds, however, this does not seem possible in the poorer areas at this time. He reported that he had conferred with project leaders in the above areas and they state that they can do the job provided they are furnished the resources to get it started. Based on Williams' conversations with these leaders, a budget has been drawn up for each of the above areas which provides between $1,200 to $1,500 per month with the exception of South Carolina which will receive $740 and Washington, D. C., which will receive $3,500. These budgets include payments for items such

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as bi-monthly payments to subsistence workers, travel, telephone expenses, costs of utilities, mailing expenses, office supplies and materials, and entertainment.

At the conclusion of this meeting, it was announced that subsequent meetings will be held every Monday for the next three weeks in an effort to complete the plans for the Washington Spring Project.

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TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, ATLANTA, AND MIAMI

FROM CINCINNATI

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT - RM.

INSTANT DATE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED SOME RELIABLE INFORMATION, BUT AT TIMES HAS EMBELLISHED INFORMATION, VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT ED OSBORN, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, CLEVELAND, OHIO, WILL LEAVE CLEVELAND FEBRUARY 16, NEXT, FOR MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR WEEK LONG MEETING OF 100 NEGRO MINISTERS SELECTED FROM VARIOUS CITIES FOR TRAINING IN NEGRO COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP. LOCATION OF MEETING IN MIAMI AND CITIES REPRESENTED UNKNOWN, BUT BEING HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF SCLC AND FINANCED BY FORD FOUNDATION.

ACCORDING TO SOURCE, OSBORN ESTABLISHED PHONE CONTACT WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING FEBRUARY 14, LAST, WHO STATED INSTANT MEETING WOULD PERTAIN TO LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS AT

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2-CC WASHINGTON FIELD

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WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC) AND OTHER CITIES, SPRING, 1968. KING STATED A CONCERN THAT UNDER PRESENT LEADERSHIP HE CAN ONLY EXPECT 85,ØØØ PERSONS TO ATTEND WDC DEMONSTRATION AND HE HAS GOAL OF INVOLVING 2ØØ,ØØØ AT WDC. KING ALLEGEDLY ADVISED OSBORN THAT TWO PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO FORD FOUNDATION FOR COMMENTS:

1- SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM.

2- DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

FORD DENIED FIRST PROPOSAL BUT SUPPLIED $23Ø,ØØØ FOR LATTER.

ON UNDETERMINED DATE DURING WEEK FOLLOWING INSTANT MEETING, KING SUPPOSED TO VISIT CLEVELAND RELATIVE TO GAINING SUPPORT FOR INSTANT DEMONSTRATIONS.

OSBORN CAN BE REACHED AT 8742 QUINCY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, TELEPHONE 451-8540.

LHM FOLLOWS. COPY SENT CLEVELAND VIA AIR MAIL.

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SOURCE IS [redacted]

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URGENT 2-16-68

TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RACIAL MATTER.

RE BUAIRTEL TO ATLANTA FEBRUARY 14, 1968.

ON AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 16, 1968 SOURCE ADVISED IT WAS STILL HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT SCLC RETREAT SCHEDULED TO START FEBRUARY 19, 1968 IN MIAMI WILL BE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH TRAINING PROGRAM OF MINISTERS IN LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP. INFORMANT SAID AS A PRACTICAL MATTER THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED, BUT HE HAS NO INFORMATION SUPPORTING ANY CONTENTION THIS RETREAT IS CONSIDERED BY SCLC TO BE SECRET IN NATURE RE WSP.

ON FEBRUARY 14, 1968 INFORMANT ADVISED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM ON FEBRUARY 12, 1968 THAT HE EXPECTED INFORMANT TO REMAIN IN ATLANTA HEADQUARTERS OF SCLC DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19,1968. IN DEFERENCE TO INFORMANT'S SECURITY HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO ABIDE BY KING'S DESIRES. INFORMANT SAID IT

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WAS NOT NECESSARILY LOGICAL IN LIGHT OF HIS EMPLOYMENT STATUS TO ATTEND THIS RETREAT. DURING EARLY EVENING FEBRUARY 16, 1968 INFORMANT ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING FOR FAMILY HOME ON WEST COAST IN VIEW OF IMMINENT DEATH OF HIS GRADFATHER AND DID NOT EXPECT TO RETURN TO ATLANTA UNTIL POSSIBLY FEBRUARY 23, 1968.

CHICAGO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED FEBRUARY 16, 1968 THAT ATLANTA INFORMANT NOT GOING TO MIAMI.

RECEIVED: [redacted]

cc- Mr. Jones

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FBI BIRMGHAM

URGENT 2-15-68

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 2P

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED - ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN - EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ASCERTAINED FROM DIRECT LIAISON CONTACT WITH THE BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND JEFFERSON COUNTY SO:

AT EIGHT PM INSTANT DATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ADDRESSED A GROUP OF SIX HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ACMHR) AT ST. PAUL'S AME CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM. KING ENCOURAGED THOSE PRESENT TO SUPPORT THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. AFTER KING'S SPEECH, THE MEETING ADJOURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. KING INFORMED THE PRESS THAT HE WOULD STOP OVERNIGHT AT BIRMINGHAM AND FLY TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TOMORROW MORNING AT NINE AM.

FIVE BIRMINGHAM SOURCES PRESENT AT ACHMR MEETING TONIGHT

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AND THEY WILL SUBMIT REPORTS REFLECTING DETAILS.

BIRMINGHAM WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT ANY PERTINENT DETAILS.

BIRMINGHAM WILL ADVISE RE KING'S ACTUAL DEPARTURE.

LHM TO FOLLOW.

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Date: 2/15/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM 2/12/68 captioned as above regarding concern of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., as to the success of captioned project.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, for Chicago one, for New York one, and for WFO one, of LHM.

The enclosed LHM has been datelined Washington, D. C., in further effort to protect source.

KING's comments set forth in enclosed LHM were made at an "emergency" SCLC Executive Staff meeting held in Atlanta 2/12/68.

Source also furnished the following information:

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(1 - 157-895) (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
AGS:
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AT 157-2924

On 1/29/68 at an SCLC Executive Staff meeting KING announced HOSEA WILLIAMS would serve as "Field Director" in Washington, D. C., of the WSP and also have overall supervision of SCLC personnel involved in this project (re Atlanta airtel and LHM 2/2/68). ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Vice President, SCLC, at that time was instructed by KING to write a letter to each SCLC staff member previously assigned to various cities and locations to recruit demonstrators for the WSP in which he was to inform them of WILLIAMS' position.

On 2/12/68 WILLIAMS determined this letter had not been written and as a result SCLC personnel did not know to whom they should report or from whom to seek assistance. WILLIAMS also submitted during the 2/12/68 meeting a memorandum in which he requested a budget (of approximately $10,000) a secretary, and an Assistant in order to effectively supervise the WSP. There then ensured at this meeting considerable petty discussion as to the validity of WILLIAMS' requests. WILLIAM A. RUTHERFORD, Executive Director, SCLC, made an issue over the fact he did not have the time or inclination to pass judgment on a multitude of vouchers which WILLIAMS would submit in connection with his budget. WILLIAMS became enraged and left the meeting for almost an hour. KING made no effort to contol the disorganized discussion or to render a decision.

The 2/12/68 meeting adjourned without the staff reaching a decision on WILLIAMS' requests. KING, YOUNG, RUTHERFORD, and RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC, were supposed to meet regarding these issues on 2/13/68. Informant did not have opportunity to participate in this meeting and as of 2/14/68 had no further information regarding this matter.

Informant observed that there appears to be a continuing battle of personalities between WILLIAMS and RUTHERFORD. He also observed that KING seems to be in a substantial twofold dilemma predicated upon his tremen-

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does ego, ie., one, should he cooperate fully with WILLIAMS which probably will insure the success of the WSP but at the same time will permit WILLIAMS to have the limelight and possibly become a virtual hero; two, should he keep WILLIAMS more or less throttled despite his refusal to accept WILLIAMS' recent resignation and take a chance the WSP will be successful without the benefit of WILLIAMS' full energies or take a chance the WSP may not succeed and have the national and international image of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., become tarnished. It is because of the latter informant believes that KING has indicated he is considering the possibility of finding an excuse to drop the WSP.

Based upon information herein and previous information submitted it is felt informant's observations are reasonably accurate.

Almost half the period of time originally planned by SCLC to recruit and train its WSP demonstrators has passed and the entire project seems to be suffering from indecision and petty wrangles on the part of the SCLC staff, not to mention the idiosyncrasies of KING's ego.

At this point it would appear SCLC will require a good measure of luck to make its WSP a successful venture by early April.

SOURCE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Washington, D. C.
February 15, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

A confidential source on February 14, 1968, advised he had learned that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), continued to be discouraged with the lack of progress made by SCLC staff members in recruiting and training demonstrators for SCLC's Washington Spring Project, (WSP). In this connection Reverend King recently held an "emergency meeting" of the SCLC Executive officers to consider the WSP.

Reverend King pointed out that SCLC has previously announced that it will have 3,000 demonstrators in Washington, D. C., in early April 1968. Should only a few hundred demonstrators appear in Washington, D. C., Reverend King said he and SCLC would become the laughing stock of the nation. He declared that if SCLC produces 3,000 demonstrators and the nation fails to react appropriately this will be the responsibility of the nation and not SCLC. On the other hand, he said, SCLC will be greatly at fault if it does not produce the announced number of demonstrators.

Reverend King suggested that officers of SCLC seriously consider whether or not they can successfully carry out the planned WSP. He said if they feel they cannot then it will be necessary to establish a reason as to why he and SCLC finds it necessary to discontinue the WSP.

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Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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URGENT 2-15-68

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, AND MOBILE

FROM JACKSON (157-9097) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM - C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM. BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN DASH EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT.

RE JN PHONE CALLS TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, AND BUREAU THIS DATE.

Source ADVISED THIS A. M., REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WAS TO ARRIVE JACKSON FROM ATLANTA THIS DATE TO PRESENT WORKSHIP ON WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT TO LOCAL JACKSON NEGRO GROUPS AT MT. BEULAH CENTER, EDWARDS, MISS.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES WERE ALERTED.

EX-105 REC-47 100-106670-3199

DR. KING ARRIVED THOMPSON AIRPORT, JACKSON, TEN TWENTY A.M., FROM ATLANTA, ACCOMPANIED IN PRIVATE CESSNA FOUR ZERO SIX TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT, BEARING NUMBER N THREE TWO TWO THREE BY TWO NEGRO MALES, HOSEA WILLIAMS AND BERNARD LEE, AIDES OF

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KING'S; ALSO ACCOMPANYING KING ON HIS PRIVATE FLIGHT IN ADDITION TO PILOT AND CO-PILOT WERE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER DON MC KEE, ATLANTA, JOSE Y. GLESIAS, REPORTER WITH NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE AND TWO CAMERAMEN FROM NATIONAL EDUCATION TV, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ALL WHITE MALES. GROUP MET BY LEON HALL AND R. B. COTTENREADER, NEGRO MALE SCLC LEADERS FROM GRENADA, MISS., AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED NEGROES, ONE FEMALE AND ONE MALE.

GROUP PROCEEDED FROM AIRPORT DIRECTLY TO THE MT. BEULAH CENTER, EDWARDS, A DISTANCE OF ABOUT TWENTY MILES WEST OF JACKSON, ARRIVING AT ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE A. M.

Confidential Source ADVISED APPROXIMATELY ONE FIVE ZERO PEOPLE PRESENT IN HALL, MT. BEULAH, WHERE LUNCH WAS SERVED FOLLOWING WHICH KING CONDUCTED WORKSHOP EXPLAINING GOALS AND PURPOSES OF WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT AND ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FROM MANY GROUPS REPRESENTED AT THE

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MEETING.

AMONG THE GROUPS REPRESENTED WERE THE MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY, A BIRACIAL POLITICAL GROUP HEADED BY LAWRENCE THOMAS GUYOT, JR., NEGRO MALE, AGE TWENTY EIGHT, THE MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, A BIRACIAL GROUP SEEKING FAVORABLE WELFARE LEGISLATION WHICH IS HEADED IN MISSISSIPPI BY GERALDINE SMITH, NEGRO FEMALE, THE DELTA MINISTRY, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, A BIRACIAL RELIGIOUS GROUP ACTIVE IN MISSISSIPPI, AND OTHER LOCAL NEGRO GROUPS.

HE SAID MHSP OFFICERS WERE NOT ALLOWED ON THE MEETING PLACE GROUNDS AND ACCOMPANYING NEWSMEN AND CAMERAMEN WERE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE CLOSED WORKSHOP; THE MEETING, HOWEVER, WAS BIRACIAL.

DAVID BETHEA, INVESTIGATOR (NA), MHSP, WHO ESCORTED KING THROUGHOUT HIS TRAVEL IN MISS., ADVISED THAT KING DEPARTED MT. BEULAH CENTER AT TWO THIRTY P. M.; STOPPED BRIEFLY AT A NEGRO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AT EDWARDS, MISS.,

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WHERE HE GREETED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED NEGRO STUDENTS AND THEN RETURNED TO AIRPORT. HE DEPARTED JACKSON AT FOUR THIRTYFIVE P. M., ACCOMPANIED BY THE SAME COMPANIONS AS ON ARRIVAL, VIA CESSNA AIRCRAFT.

DON MC KEE, AP REPORTER WITH KING, ADVISED KING WAS EN ROUTE TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FROM JACKSON, AND WAS EXPECTED TO VISIT MONTGOMERY THEREAFTER.

JACKSON DIVISION HAD THREE SOURCES IN ATTENDANCE AT CLOSED WORKSHOP AND IS IN PROCESS OF OBTAINING REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM WAS ADVISED BY PHONE THE TIME OF DEPARTURE AND BIRMINGHAM WILL ADVISE MOBILE AND ATLANTA OF FUTURE ITINEARY.

BETHEA AND M. B. PIERCE, CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, JACKSON PD, BOTH ADVISED NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED THROUGHOUT VISIT. APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED OF DEPARTURE AND PERTINENT DETAILS. LHM FOLLOWS.

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FBI

Date: 2/15/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 2/15/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, for Birmingham one, and for Mobile one, of LHM.

Source referred to is [redacted] SOURCE who furnished information set forth in LHM on 2/15/68.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted] SOURCE WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted] SOURCE MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLO.

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AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted], RAO FDIC
DATE FORM: 2/20/68
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BY: [redacted]

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

CONFIDENTIAL

Atlanta, Georgia
February 15, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

During the middle of February 1968, a confidential source advised he had learned that on February 15, 1968, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) contemplated traveling to Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for the purpose of speaking to people in those communities in effort to generate interest in SCLC's Washington Spring Project. Source said he understood Reverend King would be accompanied by Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC, and Elston Petilla, a representative of the Department of Information, SCLC. Reverend King intended to travel via chartered airplane. Source was unable to furnish any further details.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
February 15, 1968

Title "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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[redacted] URGENT 2-15-68 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND MOBILE

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU JANUARY 18 LAST CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 15 INSTANT HE HAD LEARNED THAT ON FEBRUARY 15 INSTANT, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT, SCLC, AND RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC, WILL TRAVEL VIA RENTED PLANE FROM ATLANTA TO BIRMINGHAM, MONTERGOMERY, SELMA, AND TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA. KING AND ABERNATHY WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY ELSTON PETILLA (PHONETIC), RECENT EMPLOYEE IN SCLC DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION (FORMERLY PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT). DEPARTURE OF ABOVE THREE INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE DURING MORNING FEBRUARY 15 INSTANT. FURTHER DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE TO INFORMANT. LHM FOLLOWS.

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URGENT 2-15-68

TO DIRECTOR WASHINGTON FIELD AND ATLANTA

FROM CHICAGO

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP) RM, OO: WFO.

SOURCE [redacted] RELIABLE, WHO IS SCLC STAFF MEMBER, CHICAGO, ADVISED INSTANT DATE HE ATTENDED WSP CONFERENCE AT PASCHEL MOTOR INN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FEBRUARY 12 LAST. PRESENT AT CONFERENCE WERE REV. JAMES BEVEL, REV. JESSIE JACKSON, ANDREW YOUNG, BERNARD LA FAYETTE, MARTIN LUTHER KING, HOSEA WILLIAMS, REV. BENNETT, BILL RUTHERFORD, J. T. JOHNSON, AND STONEY COOKS. DISCUSSION CONCERNED MARCH FROM BALTIMORE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO BEGIN WSP DURING FIRST PART OF APRIL, 1968. REV. BENNETT ASSIGNED TO BE IN CHARGE OF SECURITY FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING. INFORMANT APPOINTED ASSISTANT TO REV. BENNETT. SERIOUS DIFFICULTY REPORTED ENCOUNTERED IN NORTHERN STATES RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS FOR WSP AND THEREFORE DECISION MADE TO CONCENTRATE RECRUITMENT IN SOUTHERN STATES. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

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ALSO DISCUSSED. PLANS MADE TO MEET IN ATLANTA EVERY MONDAY FOR NEXT THREE WEEKS RE WSP.

INFORMANT RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM REV. BENNETT, ATLANTA, DURING AM THIS DATE ADVISING IMPERATIVE INFORMANT ATTEND WSP MEETING IN ATLANTA FEBRUARY 19 NEXT. INFORMANT REQUESTED TRAVEL FUNDS; HOWEVER, REV. BENNETT ADVISED NONE AVAILABLE.

CHICAGO RECOMMENDS NO FUNDS BE PROVIDED BY BUREAU FOR THIS TRIP IN VIEW OF FREQUENT AIR TRAVEL DURING PAST MONTH BY INFORMANT. ADDITIONAL TRAVEL BY INFORMANT COULD RAISE SUSPICION AS TO HIS SOURCES OF INCOME. IT IS SUGGESTED MEETING BE COVERED BY ATLANTA SOURCES. UACB BY NOON FEBRUARY 16 NEXT, INFORMANT WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE REV. BENNETT UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS BUT ATTEMPTING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MEETING FOLLOWING WEEK.

CHICAGO WILL SUBMIT LHM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION CONTAINING DETAILS OF MEETING FEBRUARY 12 LAST.

RECEIVED: [redacted]

cc-Mr. James

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
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1 - Mr. T. D. Rushing
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1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

To: SACs, Atlanta
Chicago
New York

From: Director, FBI (157-8428)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

Recipient offices have informants that are highly placed within Martin Luther King's organization, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In the past, each office has furnished highly valuable information concerning the above captioned project. Atlanta and Chicago have [redacted] and Source [redacted] respectively, who have regularly attended planning sessions concerning this program. New York Office has [redacted] who periodically furnishes information concerning the over-all strategy of the Washington Spring Project.

Because of the widespread publicity, King has received concerning this massive civil disobedience campaign, the Bureau is receiving a continuous flow of requests for information regarding this campaign.

All offices receiving this communication should from this day forward send a teletype summary to the Bureau, in a form suitable for dissemination, any information developed as a result of a meeting or planning session where plans and strategy for the Washington Spring Project were discussed.

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NOTE: As the first week of April, 1968, approaches, it is apparent that we will receive more requests for information concerning this project. The field has been furnishing the Bureau this information by airtel which is not fast enough. Outgoing communication instructs appropriate offices to submit teletype summary so that this information in turn can be furnished to the White House by teletype if warranted.

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FBI

Date: 2/13/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:
- ☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
- GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
- ☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

From: SAC, Philadelphia (157-2476)

Subject: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
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Summary of Complaint:

Remytels, 2/8, 9, 10/68; and airtels, 1/31/68 and 2/10/68.

3 - Bureau (157-8428) (Encs. 11)
2 - Atlanta (157-2924) (Encs. 2)
- Philadelphia 1 - 157-2476
1 - 157-1214
1 - 157-2477 (J. ORANGE)
1 - 157-2478 (W. TABB)
1 - 100-47194 (SCLC)
1 - 100-46230 (M.L. KING)
1 - 100-47672 (CIRM)
11 - 62-3910

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ACTION: UACB:
- ☐ No further action being taken and
  - ☐ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA _____
  - ☐ LHM being submitted
  - ☐ Report being submitted
- ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
- ☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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PH 157-2476

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum. Two copies are furnished Atlanta. Info copies furnished NISO, OSI, MI, Secret Service, and USA, EDPa.

Confidential Informant PH T-1 is CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE who requested his identity not be disclosed outside the Bureau.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE advised that CLARENCE FARMER, Executive Director, Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, had been assigned by the Mayor's office to take part and be in the group handling Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's visit to Philadelphia. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE was instructed by the Police Commissioner to assign one of his officers to act as FARMER's chauffeur. Philadelphia Police Department also furnished Dr. KING a chauffeur and escort, both of whom are Negro and handled KING's appearance in Philadelphia, as they have in the past.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 13, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to Philadelphia communication dated January 31, 1968.

Confidential informant PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised February 8, 1968, that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., would be in Philadelphia to hold meetings and workshops on February 9, 10, 1968. On Friday, February 9, 1968, KING had meetings scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until late in the evening with black church men, suburban groups, welfare rights people, community leadership people, Afro-American groups, educational people, and militants of Philadelphia. Attendance at the conferences would be by invitation only. All of the meetings were to be held at St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal Church at 52nd and Parrish, whose rector is Father JESSE ANDERSON.

KING was also scheduling meetings at the church for Saturday, February 10, 1968, with other interested civil rights people from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The source also advised that the SCLC had rented the space at 2102 West Diamond Street, Philadelphia, under the name of the Philadelphia Christian Leadership Conference which would be the headquarters of the Rev. JAMES ORANGE and WILLIE TABB and his wife, advance coordinators for KING's endeavor to obtain volunteers in Philadelphia for the Washington Spring Project of SCLC.

Source advised that KING arrived in Philadelphia at 7:30 a.m. on February 9, 1968, from New York City by air and attempted to hold the first meeting with Negro ministers at St. Thomas Church; however, only [illegible] ministers were present by 10:[illegible] a.m. KING had [illegible] groups scheduled to

meet for an hour and an hour and a half apiece until 4:00 in the afternoon when a free period was scheduled plus dinner and more meetings of other groups were scheduled from 8:00 p.m. until late at night. Since no more than 15 people showed up to take part in KING's activity at the church, Dr. KING held a press conference at 11:45 a.m. His remarks to the assembled press dealt mainly with the Vietnam war, national policy of the United States Government, and the Pueblo incident.

Dr. KING then left the church for lunch and shortly after 3:00 p.m. he returned to the church at the insistence of the Rev. ANDERSON, whereupon KING agreed reluctantly to address the group with the stipulation he spend no more than 15 minutes with them. There were approximately 20 people spoken to by Dr. KING.

After meeting with this group Dr. KING talked with another group which was designated as "welfare rights organizations" and apparently the Rev. JAMES CHANGE also addressed this group because subsequent to this meeting several women were overheard to say "that CHANGE is a liar and can do nothing for Mr. KING. He is a phony in every sense of the word."

Dr. KING left the church at approximately 4:00 p.m. for dinner and relaxation and returned at 8:20 p.m. to appear before a group of individuals identified as Afro-American groups, militants, and educational people. There were approximately 30 people in attendance and this meeting lasted no more than 20 minutes.

The source advised that Dr. KING was extremely annoyed, agitated, and disappointed by the lack of attendance at the meetings and he did not desire to return for the evening meetings; however, he was told by telephone over a hundred people were waiting when in reality there were only about 30.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

A conversation was overheard to the effect that ORANGE, who is in charge of the Philadelphia office at 2102 Diamond Street of SCLC's Washington Spring Project, said this is a temporary headquarters and will only be used in an attempt to secure participants for the Washington Spring Project. KING has no further plans of any activity in Philadelphia other than this recruitment.

KING's plans for meeting with groups on Saturday morning were cancelled and according to press publicity KING was suffering from laryngitis; however, it is the considered opinion of the source that KING was piqued at the lack of attendance at the Friday meetings.

The source also advised that there had apparently been a concerted effort made by some unknown individual to persuade ministers not to cooperate with KING by not showing up at the Friday morning first conference. This could very likely be true since there were only two Negro ministers on hand for the Friday morning meeting.

It would also appear from overheard conversations and comments that KING's advance men, ORANGE and TABB, did not do an effective job.

Dr. KING left by air at 12:30 p.m., February 10, 1968, for Atlanta, Ga.

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FBI

Date: 2/13/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (100-17196)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re CI radiogram to Bureau, 1/15/68, entitled "OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM; INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)"; re CI airtel to Bureau, 1/23/68, and re Buairtel to CI, 1/31/68, both captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM relating to a workshop held at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1/12,21/68.

C. C. - Bishop

ENCLOSURE

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(1 - 100-14305) (SCLC)
(1 - 100-14700) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 100-14539) (CIRM)
(1 - 100-13760) (FRED SHUTTLESWORTH)
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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~ONI~~, OSI; SEC. SER:
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CI 100-17196

Three copies of the LHM are being enclosed for Atlanta, and two copies each for Cleveland and Philadelphia. It is to be noted that reClairtel to Bureau, 1/23/68, set forth leads for Cleveland and Philadelphia.

Attached LHM is classified "Confidential" inasmuch as it contains information from an established confidential informant of continuing value, the unlawful disclosure of which might compromise his future effectiveness.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

The first confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted] THOMAS FORSHA.

SOURCE

The second confidential source [redacted] who furnished the information to SA THOMAS P. SCOLLARD.

SOURCE

The third confidential source is [redacted].

The following were advised by SA FORSHA on 1/15/68 of the proposed "non-violent workshop" OSU, 1/20,21/68:

SAIC ROBERT MAMPEL, U.S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio;

Officer CHARLES STARKEY, Intelligence Unit, Columbus, Ohio Police Department;

Lt. ROBERT DUNBAR, Ohio State Highway Patrol Headquarters, Columbus, Ohio;

GARY DE BUVITZ, 109th MIG, Columbus, Ohio;

AUSA ROBERT A. BELL, Columbus, Ohio.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

February 13, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

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   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio (RM)

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(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CI 100-17196

Cincinnati, Ohio
February 13, 1968

CONFIDENTIAL

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On January 15, 1968, a first confidential source, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SA of FBI) that the Ohio State University Committee to End the War, a recognized student organization at Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, Ohio, had reserved space in the Ohio Union, on the OSU Campus, on January 20-21, 1968, for a "non-violent workshop". The first confidential source said reservations for the space were made by Professor Bernard Rosen, Department of Philosophy, OSU, the faculty adviser for the OSU Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

The first confidential source said the reservation for the "non-violent workshop" listed the following proposed speakers:

James E. Bristol

Charles Walker

Reverend Osborne

Fred Shuttlesworth

Michael Bibler

The first confidential source said the proposed speakers were identified only by name, and it was indicated the speeches concerned non-violent tactics.

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On January 22, 1968, a second confidential source, advised an SA of the FBI that a workshop to study non-violent demonstration techniques was held at the Ohio State University Student Union building, Columbus, Ohio, on January 20 and 21, 1968.

The second confidential source advised as follows:

The workshop was scheduled to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., January 20, 1968, and from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., January 21, 1968. However, participants in the workshop did not begin arriving for the workshop until late in the afternoon of January 20, 1968. There were approximately twenty-six individuals present when the workshop finally got underway. Pat Shafer, field secretary of the Ohio Peace Action Council, was in charge of the workshop.

The principal speakers at the workshop were Reverend Ed Randall Osburn, Cleveland, Ohio, associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); Mike Bibler; and James Bristol, associated with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Reverend Osburn had driven to the workshop from Cleveland, Ohio, with Mike Bibler, while James Bristol had flown by airplane to Columbus, Ohio, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

From the afternoon of January 20, 1968, to the conclusion of the workshop on that date, there was no discussion of non-violent demonstration techniques. The discussions centered around the Washington Spring Project, being sponsored by the SCLC at Washington, D.C., during the summer of 1968.

During their comments to the group, Reverend Osburn, Bibler, and Bristol indicated they had attended a meeting of the SCLC recently in Atlanta, Georgia, where Martin Luther King and other SCLC personnel discussed the Washington Spring Project. It was apparent that those three individuals had been scheduled to attend the workshop in the Ohio Union building for some time.

Reverend Osburn indicated the demonstration in Washington, D. C., would be composed initially of about 3,000 people from poverty areas in the United States, including whites, Negroes, and Puerto Ricans. Those persons would travel to Washington, D. C., and during the first week or ten days would demonstrate on the issues of poverty and jobs. After that period, the demonstration would pick up the peace issues.

Reverend Osburn indicated the Washington, D.C., demonstration would be a continuous program. The initial 3,000 demonstrators would live in Washington, D.C., and carry out demonstrations in the offices of Government officials and in other places. In the event any of the original 3,000 demonstrators were removed by arrest or any other reason, they would be replaced by other persons coming from the same area from which the original demonstrator had come.

Reverend Osburn emphasized that it was believed this would be the last chance to prove non-violent demonstrations could be effective in obtaining concessions on civil rights matters. Reverend Osburn stated if that effort failed, black nationalist groups would take over the leadership in civil rights matters. In connection with that situation, Reverend Osburn remarked, "Let's hope this works".

Bibler and Bristol, in their talks to the group attending the workshop, added nothing new, but supported the statements made by Reverend Osburn. All three speakers made frequent favorable references to Martin Luther King.

It was determined that Bristol anticipated there would be a Cincinnati, Ohio, group participating in the Washington, D.C., demonstration.

Bibler pointed out what he believed the civil rights movement had to accomplish to be effective. Bibler listed those as follows:

1. Gather information
2. Education of people.
3. Negotiations.
4. Confrontation and demonstration
5. Reconciliation.

Bibler was somewhat critical of peace groups and indicated he felt they had not accomplished anything.

During the workshop, it was brought out that there were two main points involved in the technique of civil disobedience:

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1. Non-cooperation with an unjust law.

2. Non-cooperation with a just law to emphasize an unjust situation not regulated by law.

Bristol pointed out that the technique of blocking traffic was a case in which the traffic laws were just, but it could be used to emphasize a situation involving an unjust law. It was mentioned that as a technique, the demonstrators in Washington, D. C., could tie up traffic. That could be accomplished without breaking a law, because while there are laws which require a person to obey a stop light, there are no laws requiring a person to drive on the green light.

A brochure, "Training In Non-Violence," published by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, was available at the workshop. A booklet, "Theory and Practice of Civil Disobedience," by Arthur Harver, Centerbury, New Hampshire, also was available, and a charge of fifty cents for that booklet was requested.

The workshop concluded at approximately 10:30 p.m. on January 20, 1968. Most of the persons present indicated they would return for the meeting on January 21, 1968, inasmuch as many of the twenty-six individuals present appeared to be Ohio State University students.

On January 19, 1968, Pat Shafer had emphasized that selection of individuals to attend the workshop on January 20 and 21, 1968, should be done with great care, and persons attending would be expected to have the ability to return to their own areas and hold workshops on non-violence.

APPENDIX

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REVEREND FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH

The June 18, 1966, edition of the "Cincinnati Herald", a weekly Negro newspaper of general circulation in Cincinnati, Ohio, refers to Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, civil rights leader, as President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF); also as Secretary of the Southern Conference Leadership Conference (SCLC), which is headed by Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. and as President of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, Birmingham, Alabama, which he founded.

Reverend Shuttlesworth is a nationally known Negro civil rights leader and speaker, who has traveled extensively throughout the United States on behalf of the civil rights movement.

Before coming to Cincinnati, Ohio, Reverend Shuttlesworth was Pastor during the mid-1950's of the Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, and was also active in civil rights activity. During this period the "Birmingham News" and the "Birmingham Post-Herald" local newspapers identified Shuttlesworht as one of the principal leaders and prime movers for integration in the Birmingham, Alabama area. Shuttlesworth had participated in various sit-ins, marches and demonstrations in an attempt to abolish segregation on buses, in restaurants, schools and recreation facilities. As a result of his civil rights activity, Shuttlesworth was arrested on several occasions by local police authorities in the Alabama area. He was also at this time active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and had formed in 1956 a new group called the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, which was dedicated to the abolition of racial segregation.

According to the "Cincinnati Post and Times Star", and the "Cincinnati Enquirer", daily newspapers in Cincinnati, Ohio, Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth has continued his efforts to abolish segregation in the Birmingham, Alabama area and has participated in several demonstrations at Cincinnati, Ohio. The same newspapers reported that Reverend Shuttlesworth, on April 17, 1966, was the concluding speaker at a demonstration march for integration in education at the site of the New Burton Elementary School in the Evendale area of Cincinnati, Ohio. On June 25, 1966, Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth was one

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REVEREND FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH (CONT'D)

of several arrested for trespassing on the grounds of Drake Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, in protest of the hospital's failure to re-employ ten Negroes who had been dismissed.

On November 1, 1967, both these newspapers reported that Reverend Shuttlesworth held a prayer vigil and march rally in Cincinnati, Ohio, in sympathy for Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. and his followers who were serving jail sentences in Birmingham, Alabama.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A third confidential source advised that a Communist Party functionary described Martin Luther King, Jr. [redacted]

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A P P E N D I X

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot", a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the SCEF and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that Claude Lightfoot, a Communist Party Functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement, but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 8, 1966, that during the time that the SCHW was in existence members of the Communist Party were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive liberal organization, which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

Carl Braden and Anne Braden, Director and Associate Director respectively of the SCEF, were identified by Alberta Ahearn, 3311 Payne, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party on December 13, 1954, in her testimony in Jefferson County, Kentucky Court in the prosecution of Carl Braden under a state sedition statute, as members of the Communist Party in Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951 to December, 1954.

A third source advised on May 28, 1965, that George Mayer, a Communist Party functionary, expressed great admiration for Carl and Anne Braden and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that the SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 8, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio
February 13, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-17196

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead Memorandum of SA HUGH THOMAS FORSHA, dated and captioned as above.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, for Chicago one, for New York one, and for WFO one, of LHM.

Source referred to is [redacted] SOURCE

Informant advised the comments of KING referred to in the enclosed LHM were made during the evening of February 7, 1968. KING further commented that "maybe I should have a heart attack" and "we" could pull out of Washington because of my illness. In response to this, HOSEA WILLIAMS stated "maybe you should".

Informant advised that on the morning of 2/8/68 KING and ANDREW J. YOUNG were scheduled to meet with some ministerial group in Washington, D. C., but KING claimed he could not do so having "lost" his voice the preceding evening addressing the SCLC mass meeting in Washington. KING's declination to attend this meeting irked YOUNG. During breakfast that morning with several SCLC officials YOUNG claimed that KING never gets sick

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C. C. Bishop

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when he feels he is making progress but when he becomes discouraged (then discouraged re WSP) he becomes sick with almost anything very easily.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 12, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 8, 1968, a confidential source advised Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), recently commented to several officers of SCLC he was greatly concerned as to the probable success of SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP). He pointed out that to date very little progress appears to have been made on the part of SCLC personnel assigned the task of recruiting and training demonstrators for the WSP.

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Atlanta, Georgia
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/12/68

1 - Mr. G C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning a conference between an advisor and an aide of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), discussing ways of raising funds for King's massive civil disobedience campaign this spring.

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign which he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negroes.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Source advised recently that Stanley Levison, former secret Communist Party member and principal advisor to King, was in conference with William Rutherford, Executive Director, SCLC, concerning funds for the Washington Spring Project. Levison advised he had examined the list of contributors to SCLC but there are no large donors on it.

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Levison suggested that a meeting be held in the home of Harry Belafonte, nationally known entertainer, of approximately sixty individuals who have contributed one thousand dollars or more to SCLC. Levison advised that some of the people to be invited to this meeting would be Governor and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, Mary and Stephen Rockefeller and Franklin D. Roosevelt III.

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Memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

It should be noted that Harry Belafonte, prior to coming into prominence, was a member of the Young Communist League (YCL). The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorney's General Pollak, Yeagley and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and the Departments of Army, Navy and Air Force.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 13, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information was furnished by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past:

Recently Stanley Levison, principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with William Rutherford, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, concerning funds for King's massive civil disobedience campaign called "Washington Spring Project." Levison stated he had examined the list of contributors to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and he did not observe any large donors on this list.

Rutherford mentioned that a suggestion had been made to have a group meeting of the larger contributors where someone would talk to the group and solicit funds. Levison suggested Andrew Young, Executive Vice President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, as the person to conduct that type of a meeting.

Levison then suggested that a meeting be held in the home of Harry Belafonte, a nationally known entertainer, of approximately sixty individuals who have contributed one thousand dollars or more to King's group in the past. Levison advised that some of the people to be invited to this meeting would be Governor and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, Mary and Stephen Rockefeller and Franklin D. Roosevelt III.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Another source advised on October 28, 1958, that according to JFK Act 6 (4), Secretary at Communist Party Headquarters, New York City, before Harry Belafonte came into prominence, he had been a member of the Young Communist League.

The Young Communist League has been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A third source advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963.

[redacted]. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Birmingham airtel and LHM to Bureau, 1/22/68; Washington Field airtel to Bureau, 2/6/68; and Miami airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Atlanta are 3 copies and for Washington Field and Birmingham, 2 copies each of LHM.

Source used in LHM is SOURCE [redacted]

Atlanta and Birmingham maintain contact with informants and sources close to KING and report results of SCLC meeting in Miami.

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The Atlanta Division, if such information is not already known, may desire to discreetly determine through the Freddie Henderson Travel Bureau, the identity of individuals and/or organizations who are assuming the rental charges for the 56 units at the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors in Miami. It is noted that the Four Ambassadors is an exclusive hotel-apartment complex which has just recently opened for business. 50 of the units, for which reservations have been made, will accommodate three and if necessary four persons, with a rental charge of $31 per unit per day. Six of the units are of the executive type, at a cost of $33 per day.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida
February 10, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to communication from the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated February 5, 1968.

BOB ASHAUER, Chief of Security, Sheraton-Four Ambassadors, 801 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida, furnished the following information:

Fifty-six suites of the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel have been booked through Freddie Henderson Travel Bureau, Atlanta, Georgia, for the period February 19 - 23, 1968. The suites are for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and his party, estimated to be 150-200 persons. Fifty of the suites are deluxe rooms that can accommodate three to four individuals, and six of the suites are executive rooms. In addition, the Pan American Room, which can accommodate two hundred people, is being reserved for Dr. KING and his party. A request has been received to arrange for two luncheons, and in addition, a request has been received for extra meeting rooms. The additional meeting rooms are not available; however, the six executive rooms are sufficiently large to handle a group of 20 persons each.

With regard to security, arrangements have been made to hire one off-duty Miami police officer to stand guard at the entrance to the suite to be occupied by Dr. KING. Also, one off-duty Miami police officer and one off-duty Miami detective will be hired and stationed in the vicinity of the lobby and report on any unusual activity and in particular to report on pickets and demonstrators. Additional security will also be afforded through the 20 men regularly assigned to security at the hotel.

Information came to the attention of the resident manager, JAMES F. MIRACLE, and to the security department of the hotel on February 6, 1968, that ALPHONSO WOODALL, a Negro male, born April 2, 1923, residence 18501 N. W. 28th Place, Miami, is currently employed as a mechanic in the engineering department of the hotel under the supervision of GEORGE

BOURGET, engineer. According to BOURGET, WOODALL has indicated to him that he is extremely "anti-MARTIN LUTHER KING" and has agitated against KING in the past, in various locations. WOODALL displayed a photo scrapbook regarding his picketing of KING. Working with WOODALL at the hotel is one THOMAS FISHER, a Negro male, born April 9, 1937, residing at 1219 N. W. 66th Street, Miami. According to BOURGET, FISHER appears to be a supporter of KING rather than agitator.

ASHAUER stated that he has discussed this matter in detail with Sergeant EVERETT KAY, Intelligence Unit, Miami, Florida, Police Department, and every effort is being made to insure no trouble develops as a result of WOODALL's attitude toward Dr. KING.

On February 6, 1968, ALPHONSO WOODALL telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to report that he is currently employed at the Four Ambassadors. He reported that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be staying at the hotel in the near future. He went on to relate that he had been questioned by members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Miami, Florida, if he was going to picket Dr. KING when KING arrives in town. WOODALL stated that he informed SCLC that he had no plans to picket KING or to do anything against KING during KING's visit to Miami.

On February 9, 1968, MM T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ALPHONSO WOODALL is well known to him. He reported that WOODALL is violently opposed to all that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING stands for and that it could be expected that WOODALL will attempt some type of protest, during KING's visit to Miami. MM T-1 reported that he has no positive information in this regard, but will be alert for any unusual activities on the part of WOODALL.

MM T-1 reported that a close friend and associate of WOODALL is THOMAS WASHINGTON, a Negro male, described as a "disciple" of ADAM CLAYTON POWELL. He said WASHINGTON comes from the Liberty City section of Miami and is the type of individual who would assist WOODALL in demonstrations against Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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ALPHONSO WOODALL first came to the attention of the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 11, 1967, when he telephonically advised that a group of Negroes were meeting at the Mary Elizabeth Hotel, Miami, Florida. When contacted on July 31, 1967, WOODALL displayed newspaper clippings concerning himself. These articles indicated that in April, 1967, he picketed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Cleveland, Ohio. He picketed KING because of KING's stand against the war in Viet Nam. It was also indicated in the clippings that he picketed KING because he, WOODALL, had an 18 year old son who was killed in Viet Nam in January, 1967.

WOODALL was also quoted in these articles as saying he was going to get STOKELY CARMICHAEL with violence when he comes to Miami; however, CARMICHAEL has never come to Miami.

It was also indicated that he threw a brick through the window of Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL'S campaign headquarters in New York City a few years ago. He hoped to get arrested and then expose the way POWELL was financing his campaign for re-election to Congress. According to WOODALL, they just repaired the window and never said anything.

When questioned concerning these articles, WOODALL stated that he never intended to commit any act of violence if CARMICHAEL had come to Miami, but merely intended to picket him as he had KING, and was misquoted by newspapers.

On August 2, 1967, WOODALL telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at about midnight. At this time, he appeared to be very upset, and WOODALL stated that he had heard that MARTIN LUTHER KING was going to come to Miami in the near future and that he was going to again picket him. He indicated that this picketing would be of a peaceful nature.

WOODALL appears to become upset over information concerning KING because of the death of his son in Viet Nam and also because he has another son currently serving in the United States Army.

On the morning of August 4, 1967, WOODALL telephonically contacted the Miami Office, at which time

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he apologized for his being upset when he last called the Office. He advised that he had received a letter from his son, ALPHONSO WOODALL, JR., who is currently in the United States Army and due to go to Viet Nam.

He stated that when he heard that KING was coming he became upset, recalling his anti-Viet Nam war stand.

He advised that if he picketed KING, it would be of a peaceful nature and according to the laws of the City of Miami.

The following is a description of WOODALL as obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	ALPHONSO WOODALL
Address:	18501 N. W. 28th Place Miami, Florida
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	April 2, 1923
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	170 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown

On February 9, 1968, information set forth above was discussed at length with Sergeant EVERETT KAY, Intelligence Unit, Miami Police Department. KAY reported that every effort will be made by the Police Department to keep ALPHONSO WOODALL and WOODALL's associates under close scrutiny during Dr. KING's visit to Miami. Sergeant KAY reported that several officers of the Miami Police Department will be available to assist in affording Dr. KING's visit appropriate security.

On February 9, 1968, the above information was also discussed with Lieutenant CHARLES BLACK, Intelligence Unit, Dade County Sheriff's Office.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the United States Secret Service, Miami, Florida; United

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States Attorney, Miami, Florida; the 111th M. I. Group, Miami, Florida, and Orlando, Florida; OSI, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia; and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-8428) ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE (PLAINTEXT)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-2476)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RM.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HAD MEETING AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH, PHILA., EVENING TWO NINE LAST AND MORNING TWO TEN INSTANT WITH VERY DISAPPOINTING ATTENDANCE.

KING LEFT PHILA., TWELVE THIRTY TWO PM, TWO TEN INSTANT BY AIR FOR ATLANTA.

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FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2543) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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(OO: WFO)

D. Daniels
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Re Mobile airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 2/2/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memoranudm, dated and captioned as above, reflecting information about the activity of MARTIN LUTHER KING, in connection with captioned matter at Alabama. A number of copies of the LHM are also being disseminated to other Divisions in the manner shown below.

Confidential source mentioned in the enclosed LHM is [redacted]
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Mobile, Alabama
February 9, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On February 9, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Martin Luther King was scheduled to visit Birmingham, Alabama, on Thursday, February 15, 1968, to preside at a meeting to be held at a CME Church, which the source believed was located at 300 Court Street, North. The meeting will be devoted to an explanation as to what the Washington Spring Movement is all about.

After the meeting at Birmingham, where King is expected to remain through the night of February 16, 1968, King will next visit Selma, Alabama, where he is expected to hold one similar meeting at 10:00 a.m., at the Tabernacle Baptist Church at 1410 North Broad Street, Selma, Alabama. Following the meeting at Selma, King will proceed to Montgomery, Alabama, where he is expected to hold another meeting on the same Saturday night, which will be devoted to explaining the aims and objectives of the Washington Spring Project.

The source further advised that Hosea Williams and T. Y. Rogers, Jr., both member of the Executive Staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), will be at Marion, Alabama, on February 10, 1968, to preside at a meeting which will be held at a local Baptist church. This meeting, expected to attract Negroes from throughout the State of Alabama, will get under way at 10:00 a.m. Again, the source said, this meeting will be devoted to familiarizing those in attendance with the aims and objectives of the Washington Spring Project.

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Although the meeting is open to all Negroes, the source made it clear that the SCLC is the organization which is directing the Washington Spring Project and has no intention of permitting any other group within the Civil Rights Movement, to use the Washington Spring Project to promote its activities.

The source further advised that four Negroes departed Marion, Alabama, via Greyhound Bus on January 22, 1968, to attend a school at an undetermined place in Georgia. The school holds classes in citizenship education and is sponsored by the SCLC. The source remarked that these four individuals attending the school, departed Marion, alone and were not accompanied by Ben (Sunshine) Owens. The source said that Ben Owens is the assistant to Albert Turner, whom the source said was the State of Alabama Director for the Washington Spring Project.

The State of Alabama Department of Safety and local police agencies were notified of the plans of Martin Luther King to visit Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery, Alabama.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9097)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM to Bureau, 1/26/68; Jackson airtel to Bureau, 2/2/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies and for other Offices two copies, each, of LHM.

Source referred to in the LHM is SOURCE

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Jackson, Mississippi
February 9, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 5, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Lawrence Guyot, Chairman, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, on February 2, 1968, and conferred with Dr. Martin Luther King. Source had no additional information as to the purpose of Guyot's visit in Atlanta, but possibly he was attempting to obtain support for the forthcoming 1968 Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago, Illinois.

On February 8, 1968, R. B. Cottonreader was contacted in regard to another matter and advised that he has been designated as Project Director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Quitman County, Mississippi, but continues to reside at Grenada, Mississippi, at the present time. He stated he plans to travel to Washington, D. C., for the April demonstration and anticipates taking 200 or 300 individuals from Mississippi with him. His plans are incomplete at this time, but he intends to ask for volunteers in the near future to accompany him to Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama 35203
February 9, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 advised on February 7, 1968, that Rev. MARTIN L. KING, JR., will be in Birmingham Thursday, February 15, 1968, for a meeting with Negro Civil Rights leaders. A mass meeting will be held on the night of February 15, 1968, to hold a discussion on the Washington Spring Project. A question and answer period will be a part of this mass meeting.

On February 7, 1968, the following were furnished this information:

PAUL SATSINGER
111th MIG, Birmingham - 3:05 PM

Capt. MAURICE HOUSE
Birmingham Police Department - 3:15 PM

MELTON L. ALEXANDER
Assistant U. S. Attorney - 3:20 PM

Lt. RALPH HOLMES
Alabama State Troopers - 3:25 PM

LEON FRENCH
OSI - 3:32 PM

Captain DAVID ORANGE
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office - 3:40 PM

Mrs. YOUNG
U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham - 3:45 PM

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
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There are enclosed for the Bureau (11) eleven copies of an LHM containing info furnished by source on 2/8/68, which concerns meetings held between MARTIN LUTHER KING and SCLC representatives with black nationalist leaders H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

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(1- 100-106670) (M.L. KING)
3- Atlanta (157- (Encls. 3) (RM)
(1- 100-5586) (M.L. KING)
(1- 100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)
1- Philadelphia (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)
2- Washington Field (Encls. 2) (RM)
1- New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (#41)
1- New York (100-160701) (RAP BROWN) (#43)
1- New York (100-153751) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL) (#43)
1- New York (100-156667) (CLERGYMEN CONCERNED) (#42)
1- New York (100-136585) (M.L. KING) (#41)
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The source used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is [redacted]. Source

Three copies of this LHM are being sent to the 108th INTC Group, NYC, one copy each to the Naval Investigative Service, OSI, USA, SDNY, all NYC, and one copy to the USA, EDNY.

This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted] Source, a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "Secret" because it contains a concentration of info from [redacted] Source in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
February 9, 1968

Washington Spring Project
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on February 8, 1968, that on that date William Rutherford, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was in contact with Stanley Levison. Rutherford told Levison that he had been in Philadelphia attending a meeting, that there are some very important things going on in Philadelphia, and that the situation there is the best situation "we" have going. However, the source was unable to ascertain clarifying information about the situation in Philadelphia that Rutherford referred to.

The source continued that Rutherford advised Levison that the situation in Washington, D.C. was confused. He noted that they (SCLC representatives) held a couple of meetings "with Rap Brown and his commandos occupying the place with walkie talkies and bodyguards". He added that "they invaded this church and took it over. They wouldn't let people in." He said that "they" threw the press out of the meeting and that "they walked out of the meeting, disrupted it, occupied the church, and literally kept SCLC Board members out." The following morning, according to Rutherford, a picture of Stokely Carmichael appeared on the front page of the "Washington Post", captioned "Stokely Carmichael Discusses Washington Campaign with King" (Martin Luther King, President of the SCLC).

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Rutherford related that the day following the church meeting they (SCLC officials) held a private meeting "with these guys" and "hit into them". Rutherford stated that he told Stokely(Carmichael) that he, Rutherford, wanted to hear what Stokely had to say and that Stokely gave some "mealy-mouthed excuses" that did not stand up. Rutherford also noted that he told Carmichael that "these men told us" that they are interested in the total destruction of the United States.

Levison commented that he had heard Stokely say this and Rutherford's comment was that "this is what Rap (Brown) said last night". Rutherford continued that Stokely is now "sweet as pie. He pulled a power play on us in Washington", but did not win anything because everybody was opposing him.

Levison commented that he could not see the SCLC letting ten persons who threaten violence take over from hundreds. He described it as a dangerous thing, a king of black facism.

Rutherford, in referring to the meeting, related that a person named Courtland (phonetic),whom he described as having been with the Congress of Racial Equality, made the statement that "they" would not support"our campaign" in Washington, D.C., but would not participate in any opposition to it. He said this is "their whole life", that although they could not take part in something they do not believe in, even though they have trouble from their constituents, they would not oppose it because anything that leads to liberation is worthwhile.

Rutherford said that King became very upset after this private meeting and began berating him. He said he told King that what "they"said is clear and that the SCLC knows now where they stand, that all the SCLC wanted and needed

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"from them" was that they would not attempt to divide the community. He said "they" were honest, that "they" stated that if the SCLC fails in Washington, "we're going to get a lot of new recruits" but if the SCLC is successful "we are going to be in trouble". He recalled that at this moment King made a point, that if "they" should denounce the government, denounce the SCLC campaign and criticize it, this would create an atmosphere within which non-violence would have a better chance of succeeding. He added that Stokely responded that they have enough problems, that there is enough confusion and division in the black community, and that, if they should speak out against King or what he is doing, people will not know which way to turn.

Levison commented that he agreed with Carmichael and disagreed with King on this point. He inquired as to why King was upset.

Rutherford stated that King said the enemy was violence and began to preach on how violence begets violence.

Levison related that the key is that King states the enemy is violence which is not true. The enemy are the forces preventing them from getting rights and violence is one of the methods. He said that, therefore, they are trying to develop a counter technique to violence.

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, in its issue dated February 11, 1968, page one, contains an article on the protest against United States involvement in the war in Vietnam in Washington, D.C. on February 5,6, 1968, sponsored by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam. It states that King addressed the gathering of clergymen and laymen and told them that "it was imperative that the freedom and peace movements be joined. Describing the worsening economic conditions, he appealed to the religious leaders to join and support the demonstrations his organization has planned for Washington in April". The article also notes that King made it clear that the targets of the demonstrations would be the Vietnam war and Congress.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP,USA), in July, 1963.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-8428) ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE (PLAINTEXT)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-2476) (P).

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT RM.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED THIS DATE MARTIN LUTHER KING ARRIVED PHILA. BY PLANE SEVEN THIRTY AM AND HELD MEETINGS AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH FIFTY SECOND AND PARRISH STS., PHILA., WITH MINISTERIAL, CIVIL RIGHTS, EDUCATIONAL, AND NEGRO GROUPS. KING EXPECTED TOTAL OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE AT FIVE MEETINGS LASTING FROM NINE TO FOUR. NO MORE THAN A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN PEOPLE SHOWED UP IN THE AM AND KING BROKE FOR LUNCH AT NOON, DISILLUSIONED AND DISGUSTED. HE HAD NOT RETURNED FROM LUNCH AT THREE PM. MEETINGS WITH OTHER GROUPS SCHEDULED UNTIL LATE NIGHT OF FEB. NINE INSTANT AND ALSO EIGHT AM TO TWELVE NOON FEB. TEN, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN HE IS TO LEAVE PHILA.

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AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR NOV. SIX, SIXTYSEVEN, ENTITLED "PEOLPES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY, RM."

INFO CONTAINED IN REWFO AIRTEL IS AT VARIANCE WITH INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY PHILA. CONTAINED IN PHILA. AIRTEL OF NOV. SIX SIXTYSEVEN. CONTACT WITH CAPT. RUFUS WULLIAMS AND SGT. JOHN ZEIGLER, PENNA. STATE POLICE, PHILA., FEB. NINE INSTANT, DOES NOT RESOLVE WHERE PSP OBTAINED INFO RE JOHN HENRY MAYBANK BEING IN PHILA. TO JOIN KINGS WSP. CONTACT BEING MADE AT HARRISBURG, PA., PSP, HEADQUARTERS WHICH WOULD BE ONLY PLACE INFO REFERRED TO IN WFO AIRTEL WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO BE DISSEMINATED BY PSP.

LT. GEORGE FENCL, PHILA. PD, SOURCE REFERRED TO ABOVE, ADVISED FEB. NINE INSTANT HE HAD NO INFO THAT MAYBANK HAS BEEN IN PHILA. SINCE EARLY NOV. SIXTYSEVEN. LT. FENCL ADVISED PHILA. PD PROVIDED DRIVER AND ESCORT FOR KING FOR HIS STAY IN PHILA.

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LHM FOLLOWS. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2924)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 2/7/68, this caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau 13 copies of an LHM re the above, with copies as noted for offices indicated below, for information.

The source utilized in the enclosed is CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE (protect requested). The second source used to characterize BEVEL is

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(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586) (M. L. KING)

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Chicago is following and subsequent pertinent developments will be appropriately provided the Bureau and interested offices.

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Copies of the above memorandum are being disseminated locally to the United States Attorney, Chicago, Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 157-2924

Chicago, Illinois
February 9, 1968

CONFIDENTIAL

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTERS

A confidential source, an agency which collects security type information in the Chicago area, advised as follows, on February 8, 1968:

On the evening of February 2, 1968, a meeting was held at the offices of the West Side Organization (WSO), Chicago, for the purpose of affording Martin Luther King, Jr., an opportunity to solicit support from WSO members for the Washington Spring Project (WSP), being promoted and organized by King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). As publicly described by King, the WSP is an effort to mobilize large numbers of persons in Washington, D. C., in April, 1968, in protest of alleged United States Government failure to solve the problems of the poor in this country.

As it developed, King did not appear. It was announced King's wife was ill.

Approximately 95 persons were present. Appearing for King at this meeting was Reverend Ralph Abernathy, SCLC official, and Reverend James Bevel, of the Urban Training Center, 40 North Ashland, Chicago, former SCLC official in charge of the Chicago SCLC staff.

Both Bevel and Abernathy advised those present of the purposes of the WSP, and requested support for and participants for it. There was no response at all evident to appeals of either Bevel or Abernathy, to the evident disgust of both.

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Both related that the demonstrators would set up tents on the White House lawn, in Washington, and that everybody who participates should be prepared to go to jail. Bevel advised that the White House does not belong to President Johnson, that it was God given to the people. Bevel and Abernathy advised they would remain in the "confines" of the White House, until Congress agrees to such as a guaranteed annual income for black people.

Josephine Baker, described by source as a former well-known entertainer, now residing in France, was also a guest speaker. She stated she had experienced a difficult time getting back into this country. She had marched with Dr. King on his earlier march on Washington, and as a result it appeared she was not wanted here. She described the importance of the tent-in on the White House lawn, and urged all those present to participate. Her remarks, according to the source, were also received by those present with no enthusiasm, and no apparent volunteers.

Regarding James Bevel, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in March, 1966, that Bevel had recently been present at offices of the West Side Chicago W.E.B. Du Bois Club. Discussion concerned the recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a communist front. Bevel advised he would have ignored this notification, feeling that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then the people would answer for the clubs, despite any labels.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan of the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement, only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the SCLC, the real target.

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One of those present stated during the course of the discussion that he was not a communist, to which Bevel replied that every thinking American should be. He advised that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

The W.E.B. DuBois Clubs, local and national, are characterized in the attached appendix pages. Sources utilized have furnished reliable information in the past.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the following:

Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Office of the United States Attorney,
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group
Evanston, Illinois

The WSO, referred to previously, is a small, civil rights type group operating on Chicago's near west side. It concerns itself principally with employment and welfare problems of Negro residents of this area.

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APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected Chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau dated 2/7/68.

SOURCE [redacted] and SOURCE [redacted] during the past week reflects that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., will speak at a mass meeting to be held in Birmingham on the evening of 2/15/68 in regard to his Washington Spring Project. The above information was furnished to the Bureau by referenced teletype and followed by letterhead memorandum. All Birmingham sources and liaison sources have been alerted. They will attend the meeting and both the Bureau and Atlanta will be advised of all pertinent developments.

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ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 157-2052 2 P

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT; RACIAL MATTERS.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION TWO EIGHT LAST.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CAME TO NEW YORK FROM WDC ON TWO EIGHT LAST TO TAPE TELEVISION SHOW. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO ADVISE WHERE KING STAYED OVERNIGHT; HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY BILL RUTHERFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), LATE ON TWO EIGHT LAST, "IMPORTANT THINGS" ARE GOING ON IN PHILADELPHIA AND KING SHOULD BE THERE ON TIME. SOURCE COULD NOT ADVISE TIME OF ARRIVAL OF MARTIN LUTHER KING IN PHILADELPHIA EXCEPT THAT IT IS EXPECTED KING WILL BE THERE INSTANT DATE. IT IS NOTED THAT KING APPEARED AS GUEST OF JOHNNY CARSON "TONITE SHOW" AT ELEVEN THIRTY PM, TWO EIGHT LAST. CHANNEL FOUR

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[redacted] URGENT 2-9-68 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM.

RE TELEPHONE CALL TO WFO BY SOURCE [redacted] FEBRUARY 6 AND 7, 1968.

ON EVENING FEBRUARY 8, 1968 REFERENCED INFORMANT ADVISED ATLANTA HE LEARNED THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT SCLC AND OTHER SCLC OFFICIALS, MET WITH STOKELY CARMICHAEL FROM APPROXIMATELY 6:30 PM UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 8:30 PM FEBRUARY 7, 1968 AT PITTS MOTOR HOTEL, 1451 BELMONT STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS MEETING WAS A CONGENIAL ONE DURING WHICH CARMICHAEL STATED NEITHER HE NOR SNCC WOULD OPPOSE SCLC, BUT COULD NOT JOIN WITH SCLC IN WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. MAJORITY OF SCLC STAFF MEMBERS OF PERSONAL OPINION THAT CARMICHA AND SNCC CANNOT BE TRUSTED SO FAR AS NOT GIVING SCLC DIFFICULTY WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. KING, LATER SUGGESTED TO SCLC OFFICIALS THAT CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE

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GIVEN BY SCLC TO ESTABLISHING "LOCAL GROUPS" IN WASHINGTON, D.C. OR OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE SNCC MIGHT APPEAR TO BE CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR SCLC. THESE LOCAL GROUPS WOULD OPPOSE SNCC IN WHATEVER MANNER MIGHT BE NECESSARY INSTEAD OF SCLC DIVERTING ITS ENERGIES FROM THE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT TO DO SO. SCLC OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING KING IN MEETING WITH CARMICHAEL WERE ANDREW J. YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SCLC, RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDNET AND TREASURER, SCLC, HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC, J.T. JOHNSON, FIELD ORGANIZER, SCLC, JESSE JACKSON, NORTHERN DIRECTOR PROJECT BREADBASKET, SCLC AND JAMES BEVEL, FORMER DIRECTOR DIRECT ACTION SCLC. INFORMANT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THAT H. RAP BROWN, SNCC, ATTENDED THIS MEETING. HE MOMENTARILY OBSERVED CARMICHAEL IN HOTEL SHORTLY PRIOR TO MEETING. INFORMANT DID NOT ATTEND ABOVE MEETING BUT OBTAINED FORGOING INFORMATION DURING SOCIAL GATHERING OF SCLC OFFICIALS DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS FEBRUARY 8, 1968.

ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

LHM FOLLOWS FEBRUARY 9, 1968.

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Mr. Tavel

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 2/8/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, for Chicago two, for New York two, and for WFO two, of LHM.

Source referred to is SOURCE [redacted]

SOURCE Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is [redacted] Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are [redacted] and [redacted] Source utilized to characterize JAMES BEVEL is [redacted] SOURCE
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THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by SOURCE. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 9, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 8, 1968, a confidential source advised that a meeting of the Executive Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was held February 6 and 7, 1968, in Washington, D. C., at the Church of the Redeemer, 15th and Girard Streets, N. E.

Source said he had learned that for approximately two hours during the early evening of February 7, 1968, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC; Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC; Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC; Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC; J. T. Johnson, Field Organizer, SCLC; Jesse Jackson, Northern Director, Project Breadbasket, SCLC; and James Bevel, former Director, Direct Action, SCLC, met with Stokely Carmichael of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). This meeting was held in the Pitts Motor Hotel, 1451 Belmont Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. The essential purpose of Reverend King and other SCLC officials meeting with Carmichael was to request SNCC not to interfere with SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) scheduled to commence in early April 1968.

During this meeting, Carmichael was quite congenial and said neither he nor SNCC would oppose SCLC's WSP. However, he stated neither he nor SNCC would be able to join with SCLC in this project. Source was unable to furnish any further details regarding this meeting.

Source advised it was his current understanding that most SCLC officials are doubtful that Carmichael or SNCC

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can be trusted to not interfere with SCLC's efforts concerning the WSP.

Reverend King commented to several SCLC officials that in anticipation of SNCC creating problems (not explained) for SCLC in implementing the WSP it might be very practical for SCLC to organize "local groups" in Washington, D. C., and other communities concerned with the WSP. The function of these groups, he said, would be to oppose any undesirable activity on the part of SNCC rather than require SCLC personnel to divert their energies from the WSP.

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JAMES BEVEL

BEVEL, in early March, 1966 was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side W.E.B. DuBois Club in Chicago (DOC). Discussion took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that every thinking American should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
February 9, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236)(P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination and enclosed for Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Washington Field, is one copy each of the LHM

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
February 8, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On February 5, 1968, BH T-1 advised that Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth was to have participated in a leadership meeting in Washington, D. C., on February 6, 1968, regarding Rev. M. L. King's planned march in April. BH T-1 said Rev. Shuttlesworth has stated he does not look with favor on any coalition between hippies, radical pacifists, draft card burners, black power exponents and the civil rights organization because he cannot conceive of anything short of violence taking place when these type factions get into a demonstration.

BH T-1 said Shuttlesworth recently stated, "It would be impossible not to get the wrong people in such a march and once violence got started you couldn't control it." According to BH T-1, Shuttlesworth intends to raise questions about the wisdom of King's widely publicized Washington demonstrations for April. BH T-1 said Shuttlesworth feels that Rev. King will try to find an honorable way to back down from the planned demonstrations. Rev. Shuttlesworth said the country is in no condition to stand "that type of thing" but he is opposed to the Vietnam war and also to draft card burning.

It is noted that Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth is president of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, a pro-integration organization with headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama. Rev. Shuttlesworth presently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
February 8, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Birmingham letterhead memorandum dated February 8, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER
(OO:WFO)

ReWFOtel to Director and SAC Atlanta, 2/7/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Atlanta, Chicago, New York, and Richmond two copies each of an LHM dated and captioned as above. The first confidential source mentioned in LHM is [redacted] who furnished information to SA CHARLES A. FERGUSON on 2/7/68. Source

The following sources attended mass SCLC meeting described in enclosed LHM: [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] Sources

Enclosed LHM classified "Confidential" to protect the identities of extremely valuable confidential informants who furnished information contained therein.

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This matter will continue to be followed closely by WFO.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535

February 8, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 7, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was scheduled to meet with Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) some time during the evening of February 7, 1968, at the Pitts' Motor Hotel, 1451 Belmont Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The February 8, 1968, edition of the "Washington Post and Times Herald," a daily Washington, D. C., newspaper, reported that King had met with leaders of the SCLC and SNCC on the night of February 7, 1968. Among SNCC representatives who reportedly met with King was H. Rap Brown.

Later during the evening of February 7, 1968, King attended a mass meeting at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, 1630 Vermont Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., which was sponsored by the SCLC.

Several confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised there were between 800 and 1,000 persons attending the meeting of which approximately one hundred were white.

The meeting was presided over by Reverend Jefferson Rogers, of the Church of the Redeemer, 15th and Girard Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C. King was the main speaker; however, several others made short presentations to the group prior to King's arrival. Among these speaking to the group were:

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Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy, Washington, D. C.

Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia

Reverend John Wheeler, Arlington, Virginia

Reverend Ernest R. Gibson, Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Prior to King's arrival, Hosea L. Williams, SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, led the group singing freedom songs. A collection was taken in support of the SCLC by Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy and approximately $1,000 was collected.

Henry Brownlee and J. T. Johnson were introduced as SCLC representatives working in Washington, D. C. on behalf of the Washington Spring Project (WSP).

King was introduced by Reverend Jesse Jackson, SCLC representative from Chicago, Illinois. King spoke for approximately thirty minutes asking support of Washington, D. C. residents for the WSP. He did not discuss specific plans for the WSP but did describe it as a "wait in" with the indication that the demonstrators would remain in Washington until satisfactory results were obtained.

King stated the "hard core poor" would come to Washington for the project and would continue the demonstration until some type of action was taken by Congress, assuring them of jobs or income.

King indicated no violence was planned for the project but did state that whatever action necessary would be taken to achieve their goals.

King told his audience that the enemy of the black man was not the Viet Cong, but rather some southern congressmen and legislators.

King concluded his remarks after 11:00 p.m. and the meeting ended at approximately 11:20 p.m.

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[redacted] 2-8-68 URGENT [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE, NEW YORK, AND ATLANTA

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FROM PHILADELPHIA 157-2476

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT; ~~RM~~ RACIAL MATTER

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISES DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL BE IN PHILA FEBRUARY NINE AND TEN NEXT, AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH, FIFTY SECOND AND PARRISH STS., PHILA., TO CONDUCT MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS WITH VARIOUS CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS RE WSP. ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION ONLY.

KING SCHEDULED TO BE ON JOHNNY CARSON "TONITE SHOW" HOSTED BY HARRY BELAFONTE NITE OF FEBRUARY EIGHT INSTANT. SHOW IS NORMALLY TAPED IN NYC PRIOR TO RELEASE AT ELEVEN THIRTY PM OVER NBC TV.

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CC ~~MR. SULLIVAN~~

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. LHM memo FOLLOWS.

INTELLIGECE AGENCIES COGNIZANT.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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(CG File 100-35356)

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968
RM
(OO: CHICAGO)
(CG File 157-2410)

Re Chicago teletype dated 2/5/68, captioned as above.

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5 - Chicago
(1 - 105-16238) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
(1 - 157-2474) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of an LHM concerning the captioned matters with copies designated for interested offices for information, as indicated below.

Chicago is following and any subsequent, pertinent information will be approriately provided the Bureau and any interested offices.

The sources utilized in the enclosed LHM, in order of use are the [redacted] and [redacted].

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
February 7, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 100-35356
157-2410

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of February 2, 1968, under the caption, "Washington Spring Project (WSP), Racial Matter," which in part reflected that Martin Luther King, Jr. was to be in Chicago on that date where he was to appear as a speaker for the West Side Organization (WSO), a small West Side Civil Rights group in Chicago.

On February 5, 1968, a confidential source, which collects intelligence information in the Chicago area, advised that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, had arrived in Chicago at 11:20 a.m. on this date from Atlanta, via Delta Airlines Flight 614. King was accompanied by SCLC officers, Reverend Andrew Young and Reverend Ralph Abernathy.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 5, 1968,

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that King was in Chicago at this time generally to provide impetus to the local organizing efforts in behalf of the WSP, a program whereby the SCLC plans to mobilize large numbers of persons in Washington, D.C. during April, 1968, to protest United States Government failures to solve the problems of the poor.

N.Y. Wash DC

In this connection King reportedly planned to meet with George Wiley, believed to be from New York City, and who is head of the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO). The NWRO is currently holding a three-day convention in Chicago.

According to this source, Wiley was at a recent meeting in New York City, New York, where support for the WSP was solicited by SCLC personnel; however, Wiley would not agree to participate in this SCLC project. King's contact with Wiley in Chicago, therefore, will represent an effort to persuade him of the importance of lending his support to the WSP.

This source, as well as the first source, advised King has no known public appearances scheduled while in Chicago other than a press conference to be held sometime during the late afternoon or evening of this date. King is also not known to have any meetings scheduled with the local SCLC staff; however, it was expected that in all probability he would meet individually with some key local personnel in connection with the WSP.

No information was available to either of the above sources concerning King's departure plans from Chicago, although it was anticipated he would depart Chicago during the late evening hours of February 5, 1968, or early on February 6, 1968.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968

Both sources advised that King did not appear in Chicago as scheduled on February 2, 1968, at the West Side Offices of the WSO.

Chicago's press media, on February 5, 1968, carried articles relating to a press conference held on that date in Chicago by King. Xerox copies of articles relating to this press conference are attached to this memorandum, namely, from the "Chicago Sun Times" and the "Chicago Daily News," both daily Chicago newspapers.

These articles are self-explanatory as to content; however, it might be noted that information is contained therein relating to Dr. King's possible participation in demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, which is to be held in Chicago in August, 1968, as well as possible demonstrations on May 12, 1968, and June 30 and July 1, 1968, nationwide, by the NWRO. The latter is described in one of these articles as a new welfare organization, representing some 6,000 dues-paying welfare recipients.

Sergeant John P. O'Malley, Human Relations Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised on February 6, 1968, that the Chicago Police Department was cognizant of King's presence in Chicago on February 5, 1968, and of the general content of his remarks at his press conference held on that date. He advised that no incidents or disturbances had occurred in Chicago in connection with King's presence here.

Copies of this memorandum are being provided to the following agencies:

- Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago;

United States Secret Service, Chicago;

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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King May Join Protest At Democratic Parley

By Lillian Calhoun

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said Monday he probably will join demonstrations around the Democratic National Convention this summer in Chicago.

"I haven't made any commitment on that," he said, "but it is perfectly logical, necessary and sound for demonstrations to take place around the Democratic convention . . . "I think the Democratic convention needs to be confronted in view of the war position of the Democratic President."

Dr. King said the nation is spending "$80 billion for death and destruction." He said his decision on Chicago would be determined by the response in Washington to his "poor people's campaign" there this summer.

Dr. King held a joint press conference with the Rev. Ralph Abernathy of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff and leaders of the National Welfare Rights Organization.

Dr. King said he had held fruitful discussions with Mrs. Johnnie Tilmon, NWRO chairman from Los Angeles; Dr. George Wiley, NWRO executive director, and other leaders of the group.

"We absolutely share the goals of the organization and agree with its basic purposes: jobs, income now, adequate income, justice and democracy," Dr. King said.

He said SCLC and NWRO will "work closer together as we grapple with the problems of the poor."

Mrs. Tilmon said women welfare recipients from 31 states had been meeting in Chicago the last three days.

The new welfare organization plans demonstrations throughout the nation on May 12 (Mothers Day) and June 30-July 1, when new amendments affecting welfare recipients go into effect.

The demonstrations, Wiley and Dr. King said, will be aimed at forcing Congress to repeal the amendments the group considers "restrictive."

Dr. King said the mobilization of the poor in Washington "will be educational and agencies of the federal government will be the target. We must find some way to dramatize the plight of the poor.

"This may be in the form of bonus marches similar to the ones held in the 1930s or a show how poor people live," Dr. King said.

"There will be possibilities of civil disobedience," he said in reply to a question. "But we will begin by following 1st Amendment privileges. If Congress refuses to respond, the protest will take on asepcts of civil disobedience."

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Dr. King Issues a Warning on Dems' Parley

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said yesterday that he favors demonstrations during the Democratic party convention in Chicago in August if the results of his scheduled Washington demonstration fail this spring.

Dr. King, who was in Chicago to meet with leaders of the National Welfare Rights organization, said that he has no plans to come to Chicago to demonstrate, but "probably would" if Congress did not respond to his recommendations for economic programs for the poor.

"The Democratic party should be demonstrated against for its present war position and for its failure in Congress to respond to economic problems in the urban areas that are causing riots," Dr. King said at a press conference in the Y. M. C. A. hotel, 826 S. Wabash av.

Agreement Is Told

Dr. King said that he and officials of the welfare rights organization were in agreement on many demonstrations by the poor.

The welfare organization has been meeting in Chicago for three days. Its spokesman, Dr. George Wiley, said that the organization represents about 6,000 dues-paying welfare recipients.

Freeze Is Opposed

He said that the organization will hold a nation-wide demonstration of one million mothers who are on welfare and about 4½ million of their children to voice opposition to the new social security law.

Specifically, he said, the organization opposes the federal "freeze" on state welfare roles which is to go into effect July 1, and the requirements for some recipients to put their children in foster homes and take jobs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST
RACIAL MATTER

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. Wells

DATE: February 7, 1968

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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning a conference held between Stanley Levison and William Rutherford, advisor and aide respectively to Martin Luther King, Jr., outlining tactics to be used in King's massive civil disobedience campaign.

BACKGROUND:

King has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D. C., which he calls the "Washington Spring Project" (WSP) in early 1968 to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

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Source

[redacted] recently advised Stanley Levison, long-time secret Communist Party member and principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was in conference with William Rutherford, Executive Director of SCLC, concerning the "Washington Spring Project." Levison informed that he has met with Harry Wachtel, Clarence Jones, and Bayard Rustin, all with subversive backgrounds, concerning King's "Washington Spring Project." Levison advised that Rustin showed his true colors by opposing civil disobedience and/involving the peace issue with the WSP. Levison felt the tactics King and his opposing

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group will use in conducting the WSP must be agreed upon and made known to interested individuals. Rutherford advised tentative tactics have been discussed and are as follows:

The first week of the "Washington Spring Project" calls will be made on Congressmen by the demonstrators. During the second week the demonstrators will call on department heads such as the Secretary of Labor. On the first visit demands will be made and on the second visit sit-ins will be conducted.

In addition to the above, it has been reported that the Communist Party of Cleveland, Ohio, is showing an interest in King's "Washington Spring Project" and members thereof have expressed the opinion that every Communist Party member in Cleveland should do all he could to contact people in various groups and through organizations to urge them to take an active part in the proposed demonstrations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretaries of Labor, Agriculture, Defense; Secret Service; Attorney General; Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; Army; Navy; and Air Force.

The Washington Field Office is being instructed to furnish this information to police authorities and other interested local agencies.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 8, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been furnished by confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Recently Stanley Levison, principal advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was in conference with William Rutherford, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Levison informed that he had recently held a meeting with Harry Wachtel, Clarence Jones, and Bayard Rustin concerning King's massive civil disobedience program called "Washington Spring Project."

According to Levison, Rustin showed his true colors by opposing civil disobediences and opposing involving the peace issue with the "Washington Spring Project."

Levison felt the tactics King and his group will use in conducting the massive civil disobediences must be agreed upon and made known to interested individuals. Rutherford advised that some tentative tactics have been discussed which are as follows:

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

During the first week of the "Washington Spring Project" calls will be made on Congressmen by demonstrators from 17 different areas. During the second week of the campaign the demonstrators will call on the heads of departments such as the Secretary of Labor. On the first visit the demonstrators will make their demands known and on the second visit, if the demands are not met, a sit-in will be conducted.

With respect to the individuals referred to above it is noted that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964 he criticized the Communist Party for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by the Communist Party leaders as being to the "left" of the Communist Party in his position on civil rights. His differences with the Communist Party, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to communism. Stanley Levison is the owner and operator of the Park Management Realty Company, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York.

In March, 1944, the name Harry Wachtel was on a list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the headquarters of Kings County Communist Party, Brooklyn, New York. At that time the name of Leonora Wachtel, wife of Harry Wachtel, and her address were listed on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

On February 26, 1957, a source identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

During the early 1940s Bayard Rustin was a member of the Young Communist League, an organization which has

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been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The records of this Bureau's Identification Division contain the following arrest record for Bayard Rustin:

On January 12, 1944, he was arrested for violation of the Selective Service Act and on February 17, 1944, received a sentence of three years. On September 15, 1948, he was arrested in New York City on a disorderly conduct charge and was sentenced to 15 days. On January 21, 1953, he was arrested at Pasadena, California, for offering to engage in an act of sex perversion of a homosexual nature which he admitted and for which he was sentenced to serve 60 days.

In addition to the above, it has been reported that the Communist Party of Cleveland, Ohio, is showing an interest in King's "Washington Spring Project" and members thereof have expressed the opinion that every Communist Party member in Cleveland should do all he can to contact people in various groups and through organizations to urge them to take an active part in the proposed demonstrations.

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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

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NYO has no informant in a position to attend the SCLC Board Meeting, scheduled for the period February 6 - 7, 1968, in Washington, D.C. It is further believed that any meeting between MARTIN LUTHER KING, STOKELY CARMICHAEL, and perhaps H. RAP BROWN, would be a restrictive meeting, attended only by specific individuals selected by MARTIN LUTHER KING. No New York Office security informant has been invited to attend such conference.

New York racial informants have been alerted to report all aspects and developments of the Washington Spring Project. It is pointed out that [redacted] SOURCE is in a position from time to time, to furnish information on a current basis, concerning the Washington Spring Project.

Information developed by this source and others will be furnished promptly to the Bureau and interested Offices.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER
(OO:WFO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Atlanta, Chicago, and Richmond two copies each of an LHM dated and captioned as above. The confidential informant mentioned in LHM is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA ROBERT N. WALL on 2/6/68. SOURCE

Enclosed LHM classified "Confidential" as it contains information furnished by [redacted] who enjoys an extremely delicate relationship with SNCC. Information furnished by this source, if disclosed, could possibly jeopardize the source's future usefulness. SOURCE

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9 - WFO
(1-100-42300) (SCLC)
(1-100-40164) (KING)
(1-100-43503) (CARMICHAEL)
(1-157-1426) (BLACK UNITED FRONT)
(1-100-47245) (LAFAYETTE)
(1-100) (HANKERSON)
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In addition to those individuals mentioned in enclosed IHM as attending the meeting, [redacted] advised the following persons were also in attendance: SOURCE

DONA MC DONALD, SCLC, Atlanta (KING's secretary)

FRED BERNEITE, SCLC, Atlanta

HENRY BROWNLEE, SCLC

ANTHONY HENRY, SCLC, Chicago

BERNARD (LNU) Probably BARNARD LAFAYETTE, SCLC

LESTER (LNU) Probably LESTER HANKERSON, SCLC

recruiter assigned to WDC.

VENITTA HENRY, 1350 Talbert Ter., S.E., WDC, an observer.

JAMES MOONE, 6434 Kansas Lane, Takoma Park, Maryland, an observer.

KAY HOWARD, Alexandria, Virginia, an observer.

MAGGIE CARTER, JOHN CARTER, and VALENTINE BURROUGHS, all of 1221 Trinidad Avenue, N. E., WDC.

PEARL JACKSON, 7831, Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia.

FRANCES ALLISON, SCLC, Atlanta

KATHERYN GRANTLING, 4801 - 1st St., S.W., WDC.

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MILTON HAWKINS and JOSEPH ~~DOLLEY~~, both observers from Howard University.

JAMES NITALL, 2395 Elvans Rd., S.E., WDC.

Extreme care should be used in the dissemination of the above names as those identities were known to very few select persons at the meeting one of which was the source.

This matter will continue to be followed closely by WFO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

February 7, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 6, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had attended a meeting at the Church of the Redeemer, 15th and Girard Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C. (WDC), during the evening of February 6, 1968.

The source stated the meeting was held in order for Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Stokely Carmichael, of the Black United Front (BUF) to discuss matters of mutual interest and the Washington Spring Project (WSP) planned for early April, 1968, by Doctor King and the SCLC.

The source stated that on his arrival a very informal meeting was in progress in one of the rooms of the church. The meeting was presided over by King who was discussing the WSP and explaining that WDC residents would be called upon to

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provide assistance in the form of food, shelter, clothing, and related support. During the presentation source noticed the following SCLC representatives had stationed themselves near King:

James Bevel

Andrew J. Young

Jessie Jackson

William A. Rutherford

When the above meeting was ended the church was emptied and only those were allowed to re-enter who were personally known to two representatives of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) who stationed themselves at the entrance. In addition, admission was granted to a few who were vouched for or who were able to satisfactorily explain their reason for attending. Admission was denied to all representatives of the press and no tape recorders were allowed in the meeting.

The meeting was held in the main portion of the building and was attended by approximately two hundred persons. Of those in attendance, approximately one hundred and fifty were representatives of the BUF and SNCC while approximately fifty represented SCLC.

Stokely Carmichael and Lester McKinnie of SNCC were in attendance, however, neither made any type of formal speech or presentation.

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

This meeting was presided over by King who restated what he had said in the meeting mentioned earlier. In addition, he said there were people in the audience who did not agree with the planned WSP and asked that these people not hinder the project even though they were not in agreement.

King reminisced about past demonstrations and projects of the SCLC and their effect.

Doctor King advised they expected approximately 3,000 persons to come to WDC for the WSP. They plan to camp on the Washington Monument or the Lincoln Memorial grounds. They fully expect to be asked to move and when this is done it will draw desired attention to themselves and their cause. No mention of militancy or civil disobedience was made and King indicated they would move their camp when asked to do so.

King indicated there would be similar demonstrations in other cities during the same period of time as the WSP. He did not identify these cities.

An announcement was made of a mass meeting of the SCLC at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, 1630 Vermont Avenue, N. W., WDC, on February 7, 1968.

The meeting ended at approximately 11:00 p.m.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
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SOURCE

There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven (11) copies of an LHM containing information furnished by [redacted] on 2/2 - 3 - 4/68, relating to the Washington Spring Project and the plan to solicit contributions from the donors of $1,000.00 or more to the SCLC.

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4 - Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)
(1 - 100-106670) (M. L. KING)
3 - Atlanta (157-) (Encls. 3) (RM)
(1 - 100-5586) (M. L. KING)
(1 - 100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)
2 - Washington Field (Encls. 2) (RM)
1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (41)
1 - New York (100-26031) (MOE FONER) (47)
1 - New York (100-48143) (LEON DAVIS) (47)
1 - New York (100-111604) (HARRY BELAFONTE) (45)
1 - New York (100-136585) (M. L. KING) (41)
1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (43)
1 - New York (100-153735) (CIRM) (41)
1 - New York (100-156667) (CLERGYMEN CONCERNED) (42)
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The sources used in characterization in this LHM are:

SOURCE — MOE FONER

SOURCE — LEON DAVIS

SOURCE — STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY BELAFONTE

This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from SOURCE a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "Secret" because it contains a concentration of information from SOURCE in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
February 6, 1968

Washington Spring Project
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on February 2, 1968, that on that night Andrew Young (Executive Vice-President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC) and Stanley Levison were to meet with Leon Davis and Moe Foner at their office, 709 Eighth Avenue, New York City, to discuss the Washington, D. C. project and how Foner and Davis can make a contribution.

The same source advised on February 3, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison and William Rutherford, Executive Director of the SCLC, discussed a list of contributors (to the SCLC). Levison stated he had examined this list and that there are no big donors on it. Rutherford mentioned that a suggestion had been made of having a group meeting of the larger contributors and having someone talk to them and solicit contributions. Levison suggested Andrew Young as the person to handle this matter.

Rutherford inquired if Levison would be in Washington, D. C. on Tuesday (February 6, 1968) and Levison was uncertain, noting that he was supposed to meet with "two staff guys" to bring them together with "a staff guy from 1199" (Local 1199, Drug and Hospital

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Washington Spring Project

Employees Union, New York City). According to Rutherford, there would be a meeting of the march by clergymen on Monday (February 5, 1968) with the march on Tuesday (February 6, 1968).

The source learned on February 4, 1968, that Stanley Levison was again in contact with William Rutherford. Levison brought up the matter of contributors to the SCLC stating that he had been thinking about having those who had given $1,000.00 or more, about 60 people, invited to someone's house, such as Harry Belafonte's place. He said some of the people would be Govenor and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller, Mary and Stephen Rockefeller, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, III. Levison noted that on February 5, 1968, he was meeting with some "staff guys" and was going to put them in contact with the hospital workers whom he and Andrew Young saw recently. He added that "they" were assigning a full-time staff person "to us."

Rutherford noted that Martin Luther King, (head of the SCLC) was to speak to the Clergymen Concerned about the Vietnam war on Tuesday morning (February 6, 1968) and that the (SCLC) Board meeting would begin at 2:00 P.M.

Moe Foner

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on November 9, 1967, that at a meeting of the Communist Party (CP) Club of Local 1199, held on November 11, 1967, a discussion was held concerning a meeting with Moe Foner, Secretary of Local 1199 concerning the formation of a peace committee in Local 1199.

"The New York Journal American," a former evening New York City newspaper, in its issue of February 5, 1947, contained an article which reflected that Moe Foner was banned from membership in the Flushing Chapter of the American Veterans Committee because he admitted he was a Communist.

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Leon Davis

"The New York Times," a New York City daily newspaper, July 18, 1966, page 19, contained an article on Leon Julius Davis whom it described as the President of Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Employees Union. The article noted, in part, "Mr. Davis is a critic of United States policy in Vietnam, and last spring he joined with some 20 other labor leaders to form the trade-union division of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

"Mr. Davis and his local, an affiliate of the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor (AFL) - Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), have often been labeled leftists. In 1948, Mr. Davis appeared before a House of Representatives labor sub-committee and refused to say under oath whether he was a Communist. Later he stated he was not."

The article also noted "In recent years he has also become increasingly involved in the civil rights movement.".

On December 30, 1946, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Davis was a member of the North Shore Section of the CP, Queens County, New York

Harry Belafonte

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 28, 1958, that according to [JFK Act 6 (4)], Secretary at CP Headquarters, New York City, before Harry Belafonte came into prominence, he had been a member of the Young Communist League (YCL).

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Stanley Levison

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the CP, United States of America (USA), in July, 1963.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER
(OO: WFO)

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 2/2/68.

7 - Bureau (Enc. 15) (RM)
(1 - 100-438794) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
(1 - 100-446080) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)
(1 - 100-439190) (COMINFIL - SNCC) (1 - 100-106670)
(MARTIN LUTHER KING)

6 - Atlanta (Enc. 6) (RM)
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 100 5718) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
(1 - 100-6812) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)
(1 - 100-6488) (COMINFIL - SNCC)
(1 - 157-2924) (WSP)
(1 - 157-) (HOSEA WILLIAMS)

5 - New York (Enc. 5) (RM)
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(1 - 157-) (A. R. SAMPSON)
(1 - 157-) (HERMAN JENKINS)
(1 - 100-) (JESSE GRAY)

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(1 - 100-) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)
(1 - 100-) (COMINFIL - SNCC)
(1 - 100-) (COMINFIL - SCLC)

5 - Chicago
(1 - 100-35356) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 105-16238) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
(1 - 100-40342) (COMINFIL - SNCC)
(1 - 157-1297) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of a LHM concerning captioned matter. Copies are being provided to the offices listed below as indicated for their files and information. Copies of the LHM are being furnished USA, Chicago, U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The first confidential source referred to in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] SOURCE

The second confidential source referred to is [redacted] SOURCE.

The enclosed LHM is classified confidential since unauthorized disclosure of same could result in identification of confidential sources and jeopardize the future effectiveness thereof.

Chicago will continue to follow and pertinent information will be disseminated as received.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Chicago, Illinois
February 6, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the first part of February, 1968, that a conference was held on February 1, 1968, at the Americana Hotel, Seventh Street and 53rd Avenue, New York City, New York, between representatives of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). The purpose of this conference was to solicit the support of SNCC for the Washington Spring Project (WSP) which is to be held during the first part of April, 1968, in Washington, D.C., under the sponsorship of the SCLC. This conference began at 5:00 p.m. and last approximately four hours. Ten persons attended this conference and the following were recognized as present:

Carlos Russell, SCLC, New York City, New York;

A. R. Sampson, SCLC, New York, New York;

Herman Jenkins, SCLC, New York, New York;

Jesse Gray, SCLC, New York, New York;

Hosea Williams, SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia; and

Stokely Carmichael, SNCC.

In addition, George Wiley, Director of the National Welfare Rights Organization of Washington, D.C., arrived at this conference approximately one hour after it began.

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The discussion in this conference began with the subject of financing the WSP. Also discussed were the merits of having Martin Luther King make a speech during the WSP. Stokely Carmichael stated that he is in favor of the goals and aims of the WSP and that he would support this project wholeheartedly. However, he insisted that his organization, SNCC, and any other organization which would take part in this project, would keep their own identity separate from SCLC. This was agreed to by the representatives of SCLC.

During the above discussion, George Wiley entered the room in which the conference was being held, and after listening to the conversation, stated that his organization, the National Welfare of Rights Oganization, could not support and participate with SCLC in this project under the conditions stated. A considerable time was then spent in an effort to convince Wiley to support this project, however, he stated that before agreeing to give his support, it would be necessary that he discuss this matter personally with Martin Luther King, President of SCLC.

A copy of this communication is being provided to the following local agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois;

United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois; and

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Concerning Jesse Gray a second confidential source advised in January, 1964, that according to a high level official of the Communist Party in New York, Gray was no longer a Communist Party member but remained friendly to the Communist Party.

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Date: 2/5/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1395) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

ReWFOairtel, 1/29/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Philadelphia two copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above. Information contained in LHM furnished to SA GEROULD W. PANGBURN by Inspector THOMAS I. HERLIHY on 2/5/68.

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For the information of the Bureau and Philadelphia, Inspector HERLIHY further advised he has information from the Pennsylvania State Police to the effect that one [redacted] was rumored to be a possible choice of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. as one of his representatives in regards to the Washington Spring Project. [redacted] reportedly is known to have been a paid informant of the police in the past.

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[redacted] is an associate of one BUEBEN BUTLER, date of birth 9/17/33. BUTLER reportedly is in the PH area and is affiliated with the New Society for Peace and Freedom,

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North Broad Street, Philadelphia, and the United Veterans for Freedom, also of Philadelphia.

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According to HERLIHY another alleged associate of [redacted] is one MARY RICHARDSON, head of the Intra-City Community Cooperative, Incorporated, Philadelphia. During a train trip from Philadelphia to Washington, D. C., for the purpose of attending the JEANETTE RANKIN Brigade demonstration in January, 1968, [redacted] reportedly was overheard telling RICHARDSON that he could purchase .45 caliber automatics for $15.00 and submachine guns for $30.00 in Canada.

REPORTED SOURCE OF ANOTHER AGENCY

The information furnished by the Pennsylvania State Police regarding [redacted] is being treated only as "rumor" by that agency and will be treated in the same manner by Inspector HERLIHY. In view of this, the information is not included in enclosed LHM and is provided here for the information of the Bureau and Philadelphia.

REPORTED SOURCE OF ANOTHER AGENCY

This matter is being followed closely by WFO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

February 5, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On February 5, 1968, Inspector Thomas I. Herlihy, Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, advised he had learned from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department that one James Edward Orange, also known as Big Orange and Big Leslie, had arrived in Philadelphia on January 9, 1968. He was accompanied by one unidentified Negro male and one unidentified Negro female. When he arrived he was driving a 1965 Pontiac automobile bearing Illinois License KT-3925 which, according to the Illinois State Police, is issued to Orange.

According to the information received by Inspector Herlihy, Orange was in Philadelphia on a recruiting drive for the Washington Spring Project planned by Martin Luther King, Jr.

While in Philadelphia, Orange reportedly conversed with the following individuals:

Lois Forer, Community Legal Services Attorney

Mary Richardson, reportedly the head of Intra-City Community Cooperative, Incorporated

Reverend (First Name Unknown) Bevins

Reverend James Woodruff, Episcopalian Minister, who reportedly was recently transferred to Philadelphia from Tennessee where he was accused of printing hate literature and conducting a school for Negroes with Government funds.

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Orange and his companions reportedly spent each night in the home of Dr. Robert Anderson, 6514 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Orange and his companions went to the Universal Church of Restoration, Gorgas Lane and Stenton Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 12, 1968. Inspector Herlihy advised no information was received concerning what transpired during the above meeting.

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
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1 - Mr. T. D. Rushing
(Field Guidance Folder)
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

To: SACs, New York
WFO (157-1395)

From: Director, FBI (157-8428)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

Recent information indicates Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), will be in Washington, D. C., February 6-7, 1968, to attend an SCLC board meeting and speak before a rally of the "Clergy and Laymen concerned about Vietnam." [redacted] has advised King will try to meet with Stokely Carmichael and perhaps H. Rap Brown in an effort to obtain their support for King's Washington Spring Project (WSP). If he cannot obtain their support, he will attempt to gain their cooperation and promise not to interfere with WSP.

Recipient offices should make every effort to have an informant or source attend these meetings to determine what transpires. This information should be transmitted to the Bureau in the most expeditious means possible and in a form suitable for dissemination.

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Recent news indicates King, Carmichael, and H. Rap Brown may meet regarding WSP. Outgoing instructs field to endeavor to obtain coverage of this vital meeting.

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(BLACK POWER)

ATLANTA--DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING BEGINS HIS DRIVE TO ENLIST BLACK POWER MILITANTS IN HIS "MASSIVE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE" CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEK IN A CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., WITH STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

THE MEETING IS TO BE HELD DURING OR AFTER THE ANNUAL MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF KING'S SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. ~~(53 ?9-4$,335-8, 2-8,&59, 573$-6 -,-23,3$-6.~~

AN EXACT DATE AND PLCE FOR THE KING-CARMICHAEL CONFERENCE HAS NOT BEEN SET, THE REV. BERNARD LAFAYETTE SAID YESTERDAY. HE IS FORMER FIELD SECRETARY FOR SNCC, NAMED LAST DECEMBER BY KING TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE WASHINGTON PROGRAM.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH KING TERMS "THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN," IS PLANNED TO BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL IN WASHINGTON.

KING PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON MONDAY FOR ANTI-VIETNAM WAR DEMONSTRATIONS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies, and for each recipient office one copy, of LHM.

Source referred to is SOURCE [redacted]

Information set forth in the ecnlosed LHM re KING's instructions to the SCLC staff concerning WSP expenses was furnished by informant 1/17/68 and previously reported.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SOURCE [redacted] WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SOURCE [redacted] MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 2, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

A confidential source previously advised that during the middle of January 1968 while addressing members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff who will be responsible for recruiting and training demonstrators for SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, made it very clear that SCLC did not contemplate paying expenses which might be incurred by these demonstrators.

On February 1, 1968, source advised that as of that date SCLC had made no plans which would provide living accommodations for the demonstrators who will be in Washington, D. C. As of this time, most SCLC officers felt the demonstrators in all probability could sleep in tents pitched on the grounds of various Government buildings.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 2, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304) (P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau 1/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and ten (10) copies of an LHM regarding the Washington Spring Project (WSP); copies are also being sent to Atlanta for informational purposes for its files on WSP, Cominfil SCLC and Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Copies are also being furnished to the USA, Cleveland, Secret Service, Cleveland, and local military intelligence agencies.

INFORMANTS

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7 - Cleveland
(1 - 100-26792) (COMINFIL SCLC)
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(1 - 170-69-SA)
(1 - 100-15792) (CORE)
(1 - 100-27800) (FRANKLIN ANDERSON)
(1 - 157-263) (POSS. RACIAL VIOLENCE)

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This LHM is classified Confidential as it contains data reported from CV T-1 through CV T-3 which could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

February 2, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
(WSP)

Re Cleveland letterhead memorandum, January 26, 1968.

All sources used in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CV T-1 advised on January 29, 1968, that Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN who is one of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff members assigned to the Cleveland area to handle arrangements for the WSP in April of 1968, mentioned that the WSP was going to open their office at 7902 Hough Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, over the weekend of January 27-28, 1968. This office will be in a street level storefront at the 7902 Hough Avenue address which storefront is used by the Shepherd of the Street Church operated by Pastor JAMES F. COOK and is located in the heart of the Cleveland ghetto area, the scene of considerable rioting during Cleveland's Hough Area riots two years ago.

CV T-1 went on that he had occasion to be in the area of East 79th Street and Hough Avenue on January 29, 1968, and he looked in at the 7902 Hough Avenue address; however, this storefront was closed. The only sign on the store was for the Shepherd of the Street Church and there were no signs for the WSP. Inside the store there was no indication that the place was being

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used as there was no furniture and the only things noted were a telephone and telephone directory both being on the floor.

CV T-2 reported on January 31, 1968, that FRANKLIN ANDERSON, Chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in Cleveland was recently discussing Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING's forthcoming WSP in April of 1968, and ANDERSON pointed out that Cleveland CORE will not support or participate in the WSP.

CV T-3 reported on January 30, 1968, that it was recently learned that the Communist Party (CP) in Cleveland was showing an interest in Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING's planned demonstration in Washington, DC in April of 1968. It was felt that each and every member of the CP in Cleveland should do all they could to contact people in block clubs, other organizations, etc. to try to have them take an active part in this demonstration.

PHIL BART has pointed out that the CP was not going into this for the purpose of taking over or trying to run the show, but they would try to contact the organization or groups running this demonstration and offer their services as individuals of the neighborhoods where they live. In that way by working with these different sponsoring groups and letting them know that they were anxious to help, it would further the CP cause. Even if it is discovered that the person offering his services is a member of the CP, some of the people in the group sponsoring the demonstration will say "so what", as all are working for the same goal. BART felt that in these type activities or demonstrations, more and more people are willing to be identified with "us".

BART has also indicated that there was little that they could do at present as individuals until Reverend KING's group gets started on this demonstration and all they know now is what they read in the newspapers.

PHIL BART - CV T-3 advised on October 13, 1967, that PHIL BART was then employed as a [illegible] of the Ohio CP.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS
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There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven (11) copies of an LHM containing information furnished by [redacted] on 1/31/68, concerning tactics to be used at the Washington Spring Project.

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(1-100-106670) (M. L. KING)
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(1-100-5718) (Cominfil SCLC)
1-Philadelphia (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)
2-Washington Field (Encls. 2) (RM)
1-New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (41)
1-New York (100-149194) (Cominfil SCLC) (43)
1-New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (41)
1-New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES)
1-New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN)
1-New York (100-118883) (MIKE HARRINGTON) (44)
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The sources used in characterizations in this LHM are:

SOURCE [redacted] STANLEY LEVISON

CONF. SOURCE [redacted] CLARENCE JONES

SOURCE [redacted] HARRY WACHTEL

SOURCES [redacted] BAYARD RUSTIN

SOURCE [redacted] MICHAEL HARRINGTON

An information copy of this LHM is designated for the Philadelphia Office since it is indicated that KING will be in that area in the near future.

This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from SOURCE [redacted] and former SOURCE [redacted] sources engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "Secret" because it contains a concentration of information from SOURCE [redacted] in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

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New York, New York

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Washington Spring Project
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on January 31, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison was in contact with William Rutherford, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Levison noted that he met recently with Harry Wachtel, Clarence Jones, Bayard Rustin, and Mike Harrington, and that Rustin "showed his true colors" by opposing civil disobedience. He said Rustin is also opposed to involving the war issue.

Levison, in referring to the civil disobedience campaign, planned by King, for Washington D.C. (WDC), in the Spring of 1968, felt that tactics must be agreed upon in the near future so that persons who have been making inquiry can be told what tactics will be used.

Rutherford told Levison that Andy Young (Executive Vice-President of the SCLC), had written out some of the tactics to be used. He said that, for example, during the first week, calls will be made on Congressman by people from 17 different areas. During the second week, calls will be made on heads of departments such as the Secretary of Labor. On the first visit, demands will be made and on the second, a sit-in will be conducted.

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With respect to a proposed civil rights newspaper, Levison feels it should follow the formula of "The Southern Courier", which, he said, can humanize the news without vulgarizing it. He emphasized that, although SCLC policy must be the policy followed by the newspaper, efforts must be made to avoid a dull, uninteresting style.

Rutherford noted that King has an SCLC Board meeting on Tuesday, and Wednesday, (February 6 and 7, 1968), a clergy march on Monday, and a private meeting with (Stokely) Carmichael and with other Black leaders in WDC, and then will go to Philadelphia "and do the same thing". Rutherford added "meet once with the ministers and once with the Black Power people to try to neutralize them".

The source advised that he gathered the impression that the above described activity by King will be in connection with organizing for the spring civil disobedience campaign in WDC.

Levison and Rutherford also discussed financial contributors to the SCLC. Levison said he had suggested to King that they get about 25 contributors together and meet with them for several days and let them ask King as many questions as they care to. Levison stated that he would check the list of contributors and check with Rutherford as to where they should hold this meeting since it should depend on the residence of most of the contributors.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP,USA), in July, 1963.

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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE OPERATION - ONGOING

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information in December, 1949, that Harry H. Wachtel, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on a list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which revealed that the name Harry Wachtel was on a list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party (CP) at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife, Leonora, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed that her name and address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County CP.

With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr. is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP,USA), held in New York City, on February 9-11, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 25, 1963, that during a meeting of the National Board, CP, USA, on that date, Benjamin J. Davis remarked that, "Rustin calls me constantly--openly."

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964,

that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 21, 1964, that as of that date, Benjamin J. Davis was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1957, that he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953, or early 1954, to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Washington Spring Project

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 5, 1965, that Harry Wactel and Clarence Jones were planning on attending a Research Committee meeting of the SCLC at the office of Harry Wachtel, New York City, on that date. According to the source, it was mentioned that Michael Harrington, a National Committee member of the Socialist Party would also attend.

1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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FBI

Date: 1/31/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

To: Director, FBI (157-8429) ATTENTION:
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

From: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2476)

Subject: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM.

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1 - Bureau (157-8429) (Enc. 11) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (157-2924) (RM)
4 - Philadelphia
1 - 157-2476
1 - 157-2477
1 - 157-2478
1 - 157-NEW (A. SAMPSON)

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JRW/JBK (7)

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted], FAO, [redacted]

15 FEB 2 1968

DATE FORW: 2/5/68
HOW FORW: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

ACTION: UACB:

☐ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, EDPa.
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Special Agent in Charge

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CONF. SOURCE

PH T-1 and PH T-2 is [redacted] who requested that his identity not be disclosed outside the Bureau. He was assigned two symbol numbers and two dates to further conceal him because there has been no publicity in the press re the presence of ORANGE and TABB in Philadelphia. He also advised that he had learned from a very highly placed delicate source that ORANGE had said that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING of SCLC is intending to come to Philadelphia in late March or early April 1968 and that Dr. KING will make a concerted effort in Philadelphia itself to:

(1) Get Police Commissioner FRANK L. RIZZO ousted;

(2) Obtain real open housing for Negroes in Philadelphia;

(3) Obtain employment for the unemployable Negro in the ghetto;

(4) Renovation of the school system in Philadelphia so that it better meets the needs of the Negro in Philadelphia.

CONF. SOURCE

It should be noted that this information was received from [redacted] 1/26/68, prior to Philadelphia receipt of the information in Atlanta teletype to Bureau 1/18/68 (Xerox cc to Philadelphia) which included the Dr. KING schedule of visits to "target" cities.

CONF. SOURCE

[redacted] also advised that his source had said that Dr. KING had some intention of coming to Philadelphia in early January during the hearing in U. S. District Court, EDPa., seeking the removal of Commissioner RIZZO because of his alleged mishandling of a Black Student Rally. KING decided not to come to Philadelphia because the Judges hearing the case were bending over backwards to give the plaintiffs a fair hearing.

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CONF, SOURCE

[redacted] also advised that ORANGE has had a telephone installed at his residence in Philadelphia, 6514 Lincoln Drive, WI 9-1756. The phone is in the name of the Reverend JAMES ORANGE.

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ATLANTA:

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will forward photo and background info re ALBERT SAMPSON.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 31, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On January 26, 1968, Confidential informant PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JAMES ORANGE and WILLIE TABB and his wife had been in Philadelphia, Pa., since January 23, 1968. They are residing at 6514 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, the residence of Dr. ROBERT ANDERSON. ORANGE is driving a 1965 green Pontiac.

According to PH T-1, ORANGE on January 23-24, 1968, said he had been making "contacts" in the city regarding the Philadelphia part of the Spring 1968 project of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Washington, D. C., but he was not specific except to say he was trying to recruit people from the "ghetto" to help.

Confidential informant PH T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised January 26, 1968, an individual he heard was WILLIE TABBS' wife had spent an evening at the residence of MARY RICHARDSON, either Wednesday or Thursday, January 23-24, 1968. MARY RICHARDSON, 1308 Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, is active in the Peace Movement and in Civil Rights activity.

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 1/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

COMINFIL OF SCLC
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BuFile 100-438794
NYfile 100-149194
AT 100-5718

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM
BuFile 157-8428
ATfile 157-2924

Re Atlanta teletypes captioned "CLERGY AND LAYMAN CONCERNED ABOUT VIETNAM, INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)" and "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM", dated 1/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies, for New York two and for WFO two, of LHM.

Source referred to is SOURCE [redacted].

On 1/25/68 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, SCLC, discussed the forthcoming SCLC Executive Board meeting with several executive officers of SCLC.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SOURCE [redacted] WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SOURCE [redacted] MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

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(1 - 100-5718) (1 - 157-2924) (1 - 170-290A) (1 - 100-[illegible]) (1 - 100-5583) (1- 100-7008) (H. RAP BROWN) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)

Approved: AGS:jhs (14) Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

CONFIDENTIAL

Atlanta, Georgia
January 29, 1968

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On January 25, 1968, a confidential source advised Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), recently discussed with several officers of SCLC a meeting of the SCLC Executive Board to be held in Washington, D. C., on February 6 and 7, 1968. He said several matters of an administrative nature would be discussed at this board meeting which would include recent personnel changes as well as SCLC financial matters.

Reverend King mentioned that during the SCLC Executive Board meeting he plans to meet with Stokely Carmichael of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), or if this cannot be conveniently arranged he will endeavor to meet jointly with Carmichael and H. Rap Brown, National Chairman, SNCC, in New York City following conclusion of the board meeting. He commented that in order to meet with Brown he would have to go to New York City because current legal procedures restrict Brown's freedom of movement. Reverend King said he would discuss with Carmichael and/or Brown SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) and assistance (not specified) which SNCC can give to this project.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

Source advised that as of the latter part of January 1968 several SCLC officers understood that SNCC will assist SCLC with its WSP. The nature of this assistance and whether it has been volunteered by SNCC or solicited by SCLC was not known to source.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
January 29, 1968

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C
RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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FBI

Date: 1/26/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination; and enclosed for Atlanta, Detroit and Mobile is one copy each of the letterhead memorandum.

Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] who furnished the information contained in letterhead memorandum. Information furnished by written report dated 1/22/68 and received 1/26/68.

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted] OSI; SEC. SER; [redacted]: IRD, CID, RAO
DATE FORW: 1/31/68
HOW FORW: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
January 26, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On January 26, 1968, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the weekly meeting of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR) was held on January 22, 1968, at St. Luke's AME Zion Church, 3937 12th Avenue North, Birmingham. Albert Turner, Field Secretary, State of Alabama, for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) made a speech to the two hundred persons who were in attendance.

Confidential Informant T-1 stated that Albert Turner made a plea for 300 Alabamians to prepare to go to Washington to take part in the Washington Spring Project this April. Turner said that Negroes must join in with Dr. King because the SCLC is at a very low ebb and in danger of a takeover by Black Power advocates. Turner made known that he came to Birmingham from Detroit where violent forces claim that last summer's burnings were small compared to what they plan to do this summer. Turner said that if these forces try to destroy Detroit, that the entire Civil Rights movement will be lost and the leaders killed or put in jail. Turner told the group that Rev. M. L. King, Jr's. program of civil disobedience does not call for lying down in the streets but merely "sitting in." However, Turner stated that participants should be ready to be jailed.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised in conclusion that Albert Turner indicated that in the near future, Rev. M. L. King, Jr., will hold a state-wide meeting in Birmingham in support of the Washington Spring Project.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
January 26, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum dated January 26, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama

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FBI

Date: 1/26/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1304) (P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTER

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 1/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 10 copies of an LHM regarding the Washington Spring Project (WSP); copies are also being sent to Atlanta for informational purposes for its files on WSP; Cominfil SCLC and Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Copies are also being furnished to the USA, Cleveland, Secret Service, Cleveland, and local military intelligence agencies.

INFORMANTS

CV T-1 is [redacted] SOURCE

CV T-2 is [redacted] SOURCE

CV T-3 is [redacted] SOURCE

3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3) (RM)
(1-100-5718) (Cominfil SCLC)
(1-100-5586) MARTIN LUTHER KING)
5 - Cleveland
(1 - 100-26792) (Cominfil SCLC)
(1 - 157-293) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
(1 - 157-1319) (MICHAEL BIBLER)
(1 - 157-1320) (E.R.T. OSBURN)
EAS/klg (11)

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REC-7 157-8428-53
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AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted]: ISD, CID, RAO

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BY: _____

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This LHM is classified confidential as it contains data reported from CV T-1 through CV T-3 which could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

In this LHM, Cleveland incorporated information from previous Atlanta and Chicago communications in order to show how the WSP came into being, its aims and purposes, etc. for the benefit of the USA, Cleveland, Secret Service, Cleveland, and local military intelligence agencies who have not received any previous communications regarding the WSP.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

January 26, 1968 CONFIDENTIAL

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

All sources used in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CV T-1 advised on December 3, 1967 that he recently learned that during the week commencing November 27, 1967 the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held a retreat at Penn Center, Frogmore, South Carolina, which was presided over by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President of SCLC and was attended by approximately 70 individuals comprising the headquarters and field staff of SCLC.

The primary purpose of the retreat was to discuss various facets of SCLC's plan to conduct massive non-violent demonstrations in Washington, D. C. and possibly a number of other cities during the early part of 1968.

Reverend KING outlined this plan to those attending the retreat; namely, that it had been tentatively decided that in the forepart of February, 1968, he, together with other officers of SCLC and in all probability leading representatives of other Civil Rights organizations (not identified) would personally present to the Secretary of Labor specific requests for prompt Congressional action pertaining to employment, income, housing, education, and other matters which constitute major problems experienced by ghetto people. In the event these requests do not receive an immediate unequivocal commitment insuring prompt Congressional action, an immediate massive non-violent demonstration would commence in Washington, D. C. This demonstration would be conducted by SCLC and involve adults from all walks of life, including students and school children. If an effort is made by civil and/or military authorities to quell this demonstration, simultaneous demonstrations of identical magnitude would commence in 10-15 "target cities" throughout the nation.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

CV T-1 was not aware of the identity of all the "target cities" referred to by Rev. KING but he understood Cleveland was one of the cities included.

CV T-1 went on that according to Rev. KING that during the period prior to early February, 1968, one or two SCLC staff members would be assigned to Washington, D. C. and each of the "target cities." It will be the responsibility of these members to select in each community up to 200 individuals who will serve as leaders for demonstrations. This type of individual sought will be unemployed Negro males, whose general economic status is so low that they could lose nothing by participating in the proposed demonstrations. After selection of these individuals it would then be the responsibility of the SCLC staff member through mass meetings, workshops or other procedures to indoctrinate these individuals with SCLC's overall objectives and technique of non-violent demonstration. Rev. KING emphasized that the individuals so selected should be Negroes, however, he said once each demonstration is actually commenced the assistance of white persons would definitely be accepted and possibly solicited.

Reverend KING acknowledged this program of demonstrations was a very substantial undertaking for SCLC to embark upon. He said it was imperative that SCLC be successful in this undertaking because otherwise not only would it be embarrassed by a failure but failure itself would in a large sense serve as a victory for the "Black Power" groups. In this connection, he said it would be necessary to solicit the cooperation of "Black Power" leaders (not identified) in order that such organizations would permit SCLC to conduct its program without interference. He said he was extremely concerned over the probability that such interference might easily turn any demonstration into a riot. He declared that if such a situation developed in any one of the communities in which SCLC contemplates demonstrating SCLC will immediately cease all its activity in that community.

During the retreat an appreciable number of SCLC staff members expressed doubt that the cooperation

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

of the "Black Power" organizations could be obtained and raised a question as to whether the selection of up to 200 individuals in various communities might not present a most difficult task. Reverend KING responded by stating he was most confident he could obtain the desired cooperation of "Black Power" leaders. He said he realized these people did not agree with his methods or the activities of SCLC but is confident they have sufficient respect for him to listen to his requests. He also said he was quite confident that people, after being apprised of SCLC's objectives, will be anxious to assist. Furthermore, he expressed optimism that once the demonstrations commence there will be sufficient sympathy on the part of the general public that SCLC will will receive adequate financial support.

CV T-1 subsequently learned that Rev. KING had informed SCLC staff members that this new activity would be called Washington Spring Project.

CV T-1 also advised on December 19, 1967 that he recently learned that various assignments had been made of SCLC members to various cities in the United States in connection with the forthcoming WSP and the two being assigned to the Cleveland area were EDDIE OSBURN and MIKE BIELER. MICHAEL BIBLER OHIO

CV T-2 mentioned in January, 1968 that he learned that the SCLC held a conference from January 15-17, 1968 at Atlanta, Georgia, for the purpose of discussing and planning strategy regarding SCLC's WSP which it contemplated initiating in early April, 1968. In attendance were approximately 35 individuals, who were SCLC staff members. At one of the sessions it was mentioned that in all probability Congress would not accept or act on the demands presented by SCLC. If this happens, it was then planned to begin protesting this refusal by means of disrupting various agencies and facilities throughout Washington, D. C. for example one group was tentatively scheduled to tie up the Washington Greyhound Bus Station utilizing such tactics as lying down in front of buses, blocking entrances and exits, etc. It was expected that numerous arrests would be made of the participants of this project and it was pointed out that the participants must be "totally committed" to the project and be willing to risk arrest. It is even possible that some persons may be killed and the participants must be prepared to spend up to six months in jail; however, it was not desired that

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any mobilization coordinators be jailed for any lengthy period.

On January 17, 1968, CV T-1 also furnished information regarding the SCLC conference held at Atlanta, Georgia from January 15-17, 1968; source added that during the conference, Rev. KING said there was no doubt that the requests that would be presented to the various government agencies would receive a non-committal type response. Then 200 demonstrators previously recruited by SCLC in approximately 15 communities will then commence a massive non-violent demonstration in Washington, D. C.

In conjunction with the activity of the approximately 3000 demonstrators in Washington, D. C., SCLC contemplates that in each community from which these demonstrators come there will be sympathetic simultaneous demonstrations. These demonstrations will be participated in by individuals who do not go to Washington, D. C. but experience the same problems and seek the same solutions as the demonstrators in Washington. SCLC intends that the demonstrators will not be intimidated in their efforts by injunctions or other legal measures designed to serve as deterrents. The demonstrators will submit to arrest and incarceration without bail, however, the place of an incarcerated demonstrator will be assumed by another demonstrator. Rev. KING felt the WSP would produce affirmative action promptly on the part of Congress regarding jobs or income for Negroes.

CV T-1 advised on January 18, 1968 that he learned Rev. KING planned to visit the various target cities in connection with the WSP during February and March, 1968 and his schedule indicated he would be in Cleveland on February 24, 1968.

CV T-1 advised on January 24, 1968 that from what he has learned the Cleveland staff of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been reduced to two men; namely, Rev. E. RANDEL OSBURN and MICHAEL BIBLER. Rev. OSBURN has an apartment at the Wade Park Manor Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio,

which apartment is also the headquarters of the SCLC in Cleveland at present. The other members of Rev. KING's staff who had been working in the Cleveland area have been moved to other cities throughout the country.

CV T-1 had also learned that Rev. OSBURN had been out of town for some time as he had been attending an SCLC conference in Atlanta along with 150 other people but that OSBURN returned to Cleveland on January 18, 1968. OSBURN mentioned on his return that he would have to get the "ball rolling" in Cleveland on the WSP indicating that nothing had been done as of January 18, 1968 to organize this project.

CV T-3 reported on January 25, 1968 that he learned that following Rev. OSBURN's attendance at the SCLC conference in Atlanta on January 15-17, 1968, he returned to Cleveland but then made another visit to Atlanta for additional instructions regarding Cleveland's role in the WSP. On returning again to Cleveland, Rev. OSBURN indicated that his organization now planned to recruit approximately 200 distressed people in the ghetto area of Cleveland to participate in the WSP in Washington, D. C. These people who will be unemployed and have nothing to lose would not have the funds to make this trip or to stay in Washington, D. C. but SCLC will make money available to them. Rev. OSBURN went on that he planned to open a storefront office at E. 79th and Hough area, Cleveland, Ohio, on January 26, 1968, which is in the heart of the most depressed area of Cleveland and the center of the Hough area riots. In addition Rev. OSBURN plans to issue a brochure in the near future setting forth the aims, etc. of the WSP.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1/26/68

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URGENT 1-26-68

TO DIRECTOR (157-8428)

FROM ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT. RACIAL MATTER.

REBUAIRTEL TO ATLANTA JANUARY 24 LAST; ATLANTA AIRTEL JANUARY 19 LAST, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE; AND ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU JANUARY 26 INSTANT, CAPTIONED "CLERGY AND LAYMAN CONCERNED ABOUT VIETNAM, INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)."

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[redacted] URGENT 1-26-68 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR (157-8428)

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Included in letter to White House and Attorney General. Date 1-30-68

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ORIG: MR. SULLIVAN

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
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1 - Mr. Rushing (Field
— Guidance Folder)
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

AIRTEL

To: SACs, Atlanta
Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI (157-8428)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

ReATairtel 12/22/67, LAairtel 1/12/68, and Los Angeles report of Special Agent Francis G. Kahl entitled "Black Anti-Draft Union" (BADU) dated 1/5/68.

Above-referenced ATairtel indicates that one "BABU" of Los Angeles will be given a roving assignment in the "Washington Spring Project" to recruit youths to come to Washington, D. C., and demonstrate during this "Project."

Recipient offices should be alert to the fact there is a possibility that Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, group may be in contact with "Black Anti-Draft Union" (BADU) of Los Angeles in an effort to recruit youths for this program and that "BABU" referred to above might be merely a misspelling. The Los Angeles Office should alert its informants to report any action by King's group to utilize "BADU" for this "Project."

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157-8428-91 SOURCE

The Atlanta Office should recontact [redacted] regarding this possibility and furnish the results of this contact to the Bureau and Los Angeles.

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Airtel to SACs, Atlanta; Los Angeles
WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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NOTE:

Los Angeles has not identified "BABU" referred to above as participating in above "Project" at Los Angeles. Outgoing instructs field to possibility "BABU" might be "BADU," an anti-war group operating in Los Angeles.

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FBI

Date: 1/22/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Source referred to is SOUP13 [redacted] SOURCE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

CONFIDENTIAL

Atlanta, Georgia
January 22, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On January 17, 1968, a confidential source advised he had learned that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) on that date concluded a retreat which was held January 15, 1968 - January 17, 1968, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, of which Church Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, serves as co-pastor. This retreat was concerned with SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) which it contemplates initiating early in April 1968. In attendance were approximately 50 individuals, about one-half of whom were SCLC field representatives from various locations.

Reverend King pointed out he did not have any desire that SCLC should have any friction with "Black Power groups" during the course of its WSP. He said the basic issue of the WSP was jobs or income and the validity of this issue could not be argued by "Black Power groups" or anyone else. He said SCLC would simply go about its business of implementing the WSP.

Reverend King declared that in the event SCLC is not successful awakening the conscience of the nation to the urgent need for jobs or income through the WSP the nation will subsequently have to admit that SCLC made a substantial effort in this regard. In the event of such failure, Reverend King said there could be no question that the "Black Power groups" would benefit appreciably.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 22, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTER

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FBI

Date: 1/22/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 1/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination; and enclosed for Atlanta and Miami is one copy each of letterhead memorandum.

CONF SOURCE

On 1/22/68 [redacted] advised that he received a letter from Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., inviting him to a conference 2/19-24/68 at Miami, Florida, in the Sheraton Hotel. He said that it is to be an orientation meeting regarding KING's proposed civil rights demonstrations to be held in Washington this spring. Source said that Rev. KING advised him that he would be given a round-trip ticket from Birmingham to Miami. Source advised he will attend this meeting.

CONF Source

On 1/22/68 [redacted] advised that he had been extended an invitation by Rev. M. L. KING, JR., to attend the orientation workshop of SCLC to be held at the Sheraton Hotel Complex, Miami, Florida, on 2/19-24/68. Source stated he believes that approximately ten Negro leaders from Alabama have been chosen by KING to attend the meeting in Miami, and the major topic of discussion will be the Washington Spring Project. Source advised that he will attend the meeting.

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1 - Atlanta (157-2924) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
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Enclosed letterhead memorandum has been paraphrased to protect the identity of the sources.

Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] CONF. SOURCE

Confidential Informant T-2 is [redacted] CONF SOURCE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
January 22, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On January 22, 1968, Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2 advised that several Negro leaders from the State of Alabama will attend a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) orientation workshop to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Miami, Florida, on February 19-24, 1968.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
January 22, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum dated January 22, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama.

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FBI

Date: 1/19/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

D. A. Wurtz

Re Atlanta teletypes to Bureau 1/17/68 and 1/18/68.

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Source referred to is SOURCE [redacted]

A xerox copy of re Atlanta teletype 1/18/68 was previously furnished each recipient office.

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C. C. Bishop

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CONFIDENTIAL

January 19, 1968
Atlanta, Georgia

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

On January 18, 1968, a confidential source advised he understood that in connection with SCLC's Washington Spring Project (WSP) Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) commencing in early February 1968 up until shortly before the WSP demonstrations actually begin in Washington, D. C., will endeavor to visit each of the "target cities" involved in the WSP.

Reverend King will visit these cities for the purpose of enlightening the Ghetto community therein of SCLC's objectives regarding WSP; encourage the local people to assist the WSP and appeal to "Black Power groups" to assist SCLC or if they decline to assist appeal to them not to interfere with the WSP.

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 19, 1968

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FBI

Date: 1/19/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9097) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Jackson airtel and LHM to Director, 1/12/68.

CONF. SOURCE

On 1/18/68 [redacted] (who requested his identity be protected), advised that he is not aware of either LEON WILBERT HALL or R. B. COTTONREADER, both SCLC employees, planning to attend the demonstration planned at Washington, D. C. He related that he personally has become discouraged with SCLC after directing numerous letters to Dr. KING concerning the rebuilding of his church and receiving no assistance from SCLC. He stated at the present time he has not decided whether or not to attend the demonstration in Washington, D. C., noting he does have commitments for various conventions in the southern states at this time.

The news media during the past week have advertised Dr. KING's remarks regarding future demonstrations in Washington, D. C., to protest Government inaction.

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Local authorities have been canvassed throughout the State and could furnish no information regarding possible participants.

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Jackson following this matter closely with informants and will keep Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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FBI

Date: 1/19/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3236)(P)

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RM

Re Bureau airtel dated 1/4/68.

On 1/19/68, CONF. SOURCE telephonically contacted the Birmingham Office to furnish the following information:

CONF. SOURCE advised he was departing Birmingham and would be unavailable for personal contact this week end; however, he would be available for contact on 1/22/68.

This source advised briefly that he received this date a letter from Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING requesting his presence, along with nine other Birmingham ministers, at a "Minister Leadership Training Program" to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Miami, Florida, 2/19-24/68. Source advised this letter stated the training program will deal with Negro life in the ghetto, high unemployment, and the increase of police brutality. The letter also advised 16 such work shops are to be held within the next few months throughout the eastern United States.

This source stated that he is unaware of the identity of the other nine invited but feels he will have this information available by Monday, 1/22/68.

On 1/22/68, Birmingham will interview source in detail and submit results of contact with this source to the Bureau by airtel in a form suitable for dissemination.

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CV 157-1304

SOURCE

[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past, advised on 1-16-68 that he learned on 1-15-68 that the staff of Reverend KING in CV had been reduced to two men, namely Reverend E. RANDEL OSBURN and MIKE BIBLER. Reverend OSBURN has an apartment at the Wade Park Manor Hotel, CV, Ohio, which apartment is also the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in CV at present. The other members of Reverend KING's staff who had been working in the CV area have been moved to other cities throughout the country.

SOURCE

[redacted] also learned that the present goal of the SCLC in CV is to obtain better and more jobs for Negroes but from reports nothing much is being done by the SCLC at this time. Reportedly the United Pastors Association (UPA) in CV which had been working with the SCLC, had broken away from the SCLC, because of finances and the poor deportment of Reverend KING's assistants in CV. From what [redacted] has SOURCE learned, nothing had been done thus far in CV to organize for the proposed Washington, D. C. confrontation to take place in the Spring of 1968.

SOURCE

[redacted] indicated on 1-18-68 that Reverend OSBURN had been out of town for some time as he had been attending an SCLC conference in Atlanta along with 150 other people but that OSBURN returned to CV on 1-18-68. OSBURN mentioned on his return that he would have to "get the ball rolling" in CV on the Washington Spring Project indicating that nothing had been done as yet to organize this project.

CV will continue to follow this matter closely and will keep the Bureau and interested agencies advised of pertinent developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924)

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Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta 1/4/68 and Atlanta teletype 1/17/68 captioned as above.

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Source referred to in the enclosed LHM is SOURCE [redacted]

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January 19, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTER

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During this retreat Reverend King explained the WSP will actually be initiated when he and other Civil Rights leaders (not identified) present specific requests (not specified) to the Department of Labor relating to jobs or income for Negroes and other persons currently in Ghetto areas. Similar requests will be presented to other Government departments (not identified) also.

He said there is no doubt that these requests will receive a noncommittal type response which will also point to the Congress of the United States as being the obstacle which has prevented or will prevent the particular department from taking affirmative action in regard to the request presented.

Following presentation of the aforementioned requests, 200 demonstrators previously recruited by SCLC in approximately

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15 communities will then commence a massive nonviolent demonstration in Washington, D. C. Source was not able to advise what time element may exist between presentation of Reverend King's requests, arrival in Washington, D.C., of demonstrators, and commencement of the demonstration.

Reverend King pointed out that the demonstrators will also be expected to present to their respective senators and/or representatives requests for affirmative congressional action to correct problems existing in their own local communities.

In conjunction with the activity of the approximately 3,000 demonstrators in Washington, D. C., SCLC contemplates that in each community from which these demonstrators come there will be sympathetic simultaneous demonstrations. These demonstrations will be participated in by individuals who do not go to Washington but experience the same problems and seek the same solutions as the demonstrators in Washington, D. C. The local demonstrators may be purely of a voluntary nature or may have been organized by SCLC field representatives previously.

Source recalled that during a discussion regarding the WSP by several officers of SCLC a short time prior to this retreat an officer inquired of Reverend King what position SCLC would take if effort was made to "run" the demonstrators out of that city. This question was immediately answered by Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, who stated to the effect SCLC simply would not entertain the thought of being "run out". Williams declared SCLC would stay in Washington, D. C., "no matter what".

SCLC intends that the demonstrators in Washington, D.C., will not be intimidated in their efforts by injunctions or other legal measures designed to serve as deterrents.

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The demonstrators will submit to arrest and incarceration without bail; however, the place of an incarcerated demonstrator will be assumed by another demonstrator.

Reverend King in reference to demonstrators calling upon senators and representatives in Washington, D. C., commented that they would, of course, not be welcome at the offices of these officials; however, he said the demonstrators should stay in the office of the senator or representative until they receive an audience from the individual they seek. He said they should sleep in those offices if necessary.

Reverend King explained at this retreat that the WSP is expected to produce affirmative action promptly on the part of Congress regarding jobs or income. This, he said, will result from Congress acting on its own initiative in response to the demonstration in Washington, D. C., or responding to pressures exerted on it by interested groups (not defined) from various parts of the country.

Reverend King also mentioned that he was quite confident that once the WSP commences it will be viewed with great interest by many nations in the world.

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[redacted] URGENT 1-18-68 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM ATLANTA

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU JANUARY 17 LAST AND TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY 18 INSTANT.

RETEL SET FORTH SUMMARY OF RECENT SCLC THREE DAY CONFERENCE REGARDING CAPTIONED PROJECT PURSUANT TO INFORMATION FURNISHED JANUARY 17 LAST BY SOURCE [redacted] THIS INFORMATION REFLECTED THAT PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF CAPTIONED PROJECT IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE LATTER PART OF MARCH 1968 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT SCLC WOULD VISIT THE VARIOUS "TARGET CITIES" IN ORDER TO TALK TO DEMONSTRATORS RECRUITED IN EACH LOCATION AND BOOST THEIR MORALE.

ON MORNING JANUARY 18 INSTANT SOURCE [redacted] ADVISED HE HAD OCCASION TO REVIEW MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S SCHEDULE

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IN REGARD TO VISITING THE VARIOUS "TARGET CITIES" IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED PROJECT AS MENTIONED IN RETEL. INFORMANT FURNISHED KING'S SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: FEBRUARY 2, 1968 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

FEBRUARY 8, 1968 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FEBRUARY 15 AND 16, 1968 ALABAMA.

FEBRUARY 24, 1968 - CLEVELAND, OHIO.

MARCH 15 AND 16, 1968 - DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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MARCH 22 AND 23, 1968 - NEW YORK CITY.

MARCH 25, 1968 - BOSTON, MASS.

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SOURCE Information set forth in enclosed LHM was obtained from [redacted] on the evening of 1/17/68 following the conclusion of the SCLC retreat referred to therein. An appreciable volume of information was obtained from this informant in regard to the SCLC retreat. The information set forth in the enclosed LHM does not refer to the actual mechanics of SCLC's Washington Spring Project and accordingly copies thereof have not been designated for each of the

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"target cities" who will be concerned with this project. Copies are being furnished to Chicago, New York and WFO for information.

With reference to KING's views regarding the desirability of changing the existing Capitalistic system in the United States, informant advised KING went into no further detail then indicated in the enclosed LHM. It is felt these statements on KING's part are of particular interest. In this connection, the Bureau may wish to note that Atlanta airtel and LHM dated 11/28/66 captioned, "CIRM" refers to a meeting of the SCLC Executive Staff held 11/21-22/66 for the purpose of considering methods of raising funds for SCLC. This meeting was attended by STANLEY LEVISON. During that meeting, LEVISON suggested SCLC seriously consider the sale of SCLC memberships through the assistance of JAMES HOFFA, President, of the Teamsters Union. During his discussion of this matter, LEVISON made effort to differentiate between professional groups and the working class by explaining that it will be the working class, not the professional people, who ultimately will look to SCLC for assistance in seeking "social change" (not defined). LEVISON went on to point out that SCLC could use HOFFA's wide influence in the labor field together with its working class memberships as a practical lever when seeking "social change".

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Reverend King served as the presiding officer at the retreat, the essential purpose of which was twofold. First, to afford SCLC staff members opportunity to fully understand the objective of the SCLC Washington Spring Project, discuss anticipated problems and seek solutions thereto. Secondly, to permit Reverend King to infuse SCLC staff members with enthusiasm to participate in the project in order that it will be a success.

An appreciable amount of time at the retreat was devoted to group discussions by the SCLC field representatives

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who will recruit demonstrators to participate in the Washington Spring Project. James Bevel, former Director of Direct Action, SCLC, and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, actively participated in these discussions. Both Bevel and Williams have had considerable experience in the area of Civil Rights demonstrations.

Reverend King lectured several times during this retreat concerning the overall purpose of SCLC's Washington Spring Project. He pointed out this project would be predicated on the issue of jobs or income for Ghetto Negroes and impoverished people of all races in the United States. However, he emphasized this would not solve all the problems experienced by the Negro, particularly those regarding inequality and therefore the Civil Rights Movement as a whole will have many things to achieve as years go by.

Acquiring jobs or income for Negroes alone, Dr. King declared, will be a noteworthy achievement on the part of the Washington Spring Project, however, he stressed that the jobs or the income obtained would represent a mere fraction of that which America owes the Negro throughout history. He said America owes an incalculable sum to the Negro who throughout his long years of involuntary servitude labored to build this country.

Dr. King stated that the many problems of the Negro and other poor people will not be solved under a Capitalistic system. Capitalism, he said, has no remedy for the poor. The ultimate aim of all aggrieved people in the United States can only be to accomplish a change in the existing Capitalistic economy and Government. He suggested this change might be to "some form of Socialistic Government". Reverend King did not discuss in any detail how or when the change he referred to might be accomplished.

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On January 17, 1968, during his closing comments at this retreat Reverend King emphasized to the SCLC staff that the forthcoming Washington Spring Project will be one of the most difficult tasks which it to date has undertaken and accordingly challenged the staff to maintain itself both willing and able in order that the project will be successful.

Reverend King referred to how Jesus found it necessary to send His disciples on various missions. He told the members of the SCLC staff that they were "his disciples".

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JAMES BEVEL

BEVEL, in early March, 1966 was observed to be present at the offices of the West Side W.E.B. DuBois Club in Chicago (DCC). Discussion took place at this time centering around reaction to a recent notification that the Attorney General of the United States intended to label the DuBois Clubs as a Communist front. BEVEL, in conversation, stated that he would have ignored this notification, and kept about the work in which he was engaged. He felt that if the DuBois Clubs have a real program of help for the people, then people would answer for the clubs despite any labels applied to them.

Most present agreed that the attack on the DuBois Clubs was a part of the plan by the "establishment" to undermine the civil rights movement. They felt that the recent hearings into Klan activities in this country was only a beginning which would lead to a full attack on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the real target. One of those present stated during the course of this discussion that he was not a Communist, and to this BEVEL was overheard to reply that every thinking American should be. He stated that Negroes have not begun to read yet, but when they do, they will all be socialists.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: January 18, 1968

FROM : G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning the conference held by Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in Atlanta, Georgia, from January 15 through 17, 1968, to discuss plans for massive civil disobedience in Washington, D.C., commencing in late March, 1968.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

SOURCE [redacted] advised that King held a conference of approximately 50 people from January 15 through 17, 1968, at his church in Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss plans for the massive civil disobedience in Washington, D. C., in late March, 1968. This project is called the "Washington Spring Project." King has dispatched representatives to 15 "target cities" throughout the United States to recruit 3,000 Negroes to demonstrate in Washington, D. C. King still plans on making his initial demands for jobs and income to the Department of Labor. He also feels these demands will not be met and demonstrations will follow. The demonstrators will not abide by injunctions or other legal deterrents. They will sleep in Government office buildings and submit to arrest and jail. King envisions that these demonstrations will tie up all business in Washington, D. C., in a matter of a few days and trigger simultaneous demonstrations in other "target cities." He also feels that the peace issue will become involved and support will be offered from that area. He expects Congress will be pressured into passing favorable legislation because of these demonstrations.

Enclosure sent 1-18-68

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Memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

King plans to visit Washington, D. C., on February 8, 1968, and take part in the actual demonstrations. Even though King indicated at the conference the massive demonstrations would commence the last week of March, 1968, SOURCE advised that King has speaking engagements during that week and it is the source's opinion the massive demonstrations will not start until the first week of April, 1968.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosure be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; the Honorable W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor; the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson. Also that copies be forwarded to the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force, as well as Secret Service.

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January 18, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been supplied by a confidential source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, held a conference with approximately 50 people in Atlanta, Georgia, from January 15 through 17, 1968, to discuss plans for the massive civil disobedience in Washington, D. C., which he calls the "Washington Spring Project." This project will commence in late March, 1968. King's representatives will attempt to recruit 3,000 Negro people from the ghetto areas in 15 "target cities" throughout the United States to go to Washington, D. C., this spring and demonstrate. The recruiters are currently en route to their assigned cities or will arrive there in the next four or five days.

The conference did not resolve when those individuals recruited to demonstrate would arrive in Washington, D.C. King still plans on presenting his initial demands to the Department of Labor. He also expects to make demands, not resolved, on other Government departments.

King feels that his demands will not be met by any Government agency and his massive civil disobedience will then commence. The demonstrators will be instructed not to abide by injunctions or other legal deterrents. They will sleep in Government office buildings and submit to arrest and jail. Other demonstrators will take the place of those jailed.

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King envisions that these demonstrations will tie up all business in Washington, D. C., in a matter of a few days. King hopes the news of these demonstrations traveling throughout the Nation will touch off simultaneous demonstrations in the other "target cities." Initially the demonstrators will press for jobs and income; however, King feels the peace issue will naturally become involved and much support will be afforded the demonstrators in Washington, D. C., by various peace groups. Because of the demonstrations, King feels Congress will be forced to pass legislation favorable to Negroes.

King plans to visit each "target city" and talk to demonstrators recruited about the project and boost morale. In that regard, King plans to visit Washington, D. C., on February 8, 1968. He also informed the conference he would be in Washington, D. C., for the actual demonstrations.

The type of civil disobedience that the demonstrators would use was not discussed during this conference. Even though King indicated that these demonstrations would commence the last week in March, the source advised that King has speaking engagements in several cities in Virginia at that time. The source feels that the mass demonstrations will not start until the first week in April.

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Date: 1/18/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

From: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (P)
(157-2476)

Subject: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Re Philadelphia airtel 1/12/68, Atlanta airtel 1/11/68, and Philadelphia airtel 1/5/68 entitled, "COMINFIL - SCLC."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM. Information copies furnished MI, NISO, OSI, Secret Service, and USA, EDPA.

1- Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
2- Atlanta (157-2924) (Enc. 2) (RM)
4- Philadelphia
1- 157-2476
1- 157-2477 (JAMES ORANGE)
1- 157-2478 (WILLIE TABB)
1- 100-47194 (SCLC)
JRW/hn (7)

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ACTION: UACB:
☐ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, EDPA.
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

RACIAL INT. SECT. Inter-D.
AGENCY: ACSI, [illegible], OSI, SEC. SERV.
DEPT. [illegible], CRD, RAD

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Two copies of LHM furnished Atlanta Division.

CONF. SOURCE

Confidential source [redacted] who requested his identity not be disclosed outside of the FBI because of the delicate source of his information. He furnished the information on 1/16/68; however, the date is changed in the LHM to further protect [redacted] identity.

CONF. SOURCE

The Philadelphia Police Department Intelligence Unit and Civil Disobedience Unit were furnished photographs and background information regarding JAMES ORANGE and WILLIE TABB during the first week of January at their request as set out in Philadelphia airtel 1/5/68 referenced above. The identification of ORANGE was made by the Philadelphia Police Department on 1/12/68 on the basis of these photographs and background furnished by the Philadelphia Office.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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On January 16, 1968, Lieutenant GEORGE FENCL, Philadelphia Police Department, Civil Disobedience Unit, advised that on January 11, 1968, JAMES ORANGE, who was associated in some way with Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was identified in Philadelphia and surveilled throughout the day. It was determined by the surveillance that ORANGE was staying at 6540 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, which was the residence of Dr. ROBERT ANDERSON, not further identified by the Philadelphia Police Department at this time.

During the evening hours, ORANGE went to the Universal Church of Restoration at Gorgas Lane and Stenton Avenue in Philadelphia. ORANGE and another individual went into the rear of the church. A list of license plates of other individuals' automobiles who entered the church that evening was obtained by the Philadelphia Police Department. The registered owners of these automobiles are being checked by the Philadelphia Police Department.

About 11:30 p.m., ORANGE left the church with an unidentified Negro male in a 1959 or 1960 Chevrolet, Tennessee license JJ8626. This license was subsequently determined to be that registered to JAMES E. WOODRUFF, 3211 Batavia Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. The Reverend JAMES E. WOODRUFF is presently employed by the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania in the Race Relations Section of the diocese. The Reverend WOODRUFF is also the individual who was involved in the summer of 1966 with the Liberation School in Nashville, Tenn., in which the Chief of Police of Nashville, Tenn., alleged that the Liberation School, which was funded in part by the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity, was teaching "hate whitey" classes.

ORANGE was observed driving a 1965 Pontiac sedan, Illinois license KT3925, which later investigation determined was registered to JAMES E. ORANGE, 1257 South Keeler Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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When ORANGE returned to the residence at 6514 Lincoln Drive around midnight, January 12, 1968, the surveillance was dropped.

On January 12, 1968, ORANGE was spot surveilled by the Philadelphia Police Department, however as of mid afternoon Saturday ORANGE could no longer be located.

On January 17, 1968, confidential informant PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had received unverified information that an individual identified only as ORANGE had been at a meeting sometime around the middle or latter part of December at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 52nd and Pine Streets in Philadelphia during the evening, meeting with civil rights leaders in Philadelphia. It was PH T-1's understanding that ORANGE represented Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and the SCLC in regard to KING's coming project scheduled for the spring of 1968 in Washington, D.C. and other cities. The gist of the meeting was to the effect that if Philadelphia civil rights leaders were to support Dr. KING's presence of SCLC in Philadelphia sometime in early 1968, that any money collected through SCLC efforts in Philadelphia would be used in Philadelphia rather than being taken out of the city for the National Headquarters of SCLC as had been done on a number of former appearances of Dr. KING in Philadelphia.

PH T-1 had no information as to whether or not this was accepted by ORANGE, SCLC, or Dr. KING.

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January 3, 1968

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Cities

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Boston, Massachusetts	(3)
Chicago, Illinois	(3)
Cincinnati, Ohio	(1)
Cleveland, Akron, and Toledo, Ohio	(2)
Detroit, Michigan	(2)
Louisville, Kentucky	(unknown)

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Los Angeles, California	(unknown)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	(unknown)
New York, New York	(3)
Newark, New Jersey	(2)
Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia	(4)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	(2)
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	(unknown)
Washington, D. C.	(4)

Rural Areas

Alabama	(3)
Georgia	(4)
Mississippi	(5)
North Carolina	(2)
South Carolina	(1)

College Campuses and Youth Organizations

(not identified)	(2)

NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, same caption, dated 1/2/68, prepared by DMW:bff. Classified "Secret" since it contains information from informant whose disclosure could affect our national defense.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : G. C. Moore

DATE: January 2, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication revealing current plans for massive demonstrations to be conducted by Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and staged in Washington, D. C., and other major United States cities in the Spring of 1968.

BACKGROUND:

In the late Fall of 1967, King held a retreat in Frogmore, South Carolina, to plan massive civil disobedience in Washington, D. C., and 10 to 15 unnamed major cities throughout the United States during the Spring of 1968. [redacted] attended this retreat.

SOURCE

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

SOURCE

Recently [redacted] advised that King held a staff conference and announced he has named this new planned activity the "Washington Spring Project." King plans to organize demonstrations in the cities and areas set forth in the attached communication. The number after each area designates how many personnel will be assigned there to recruit and train individuals for this program.

Enclosure

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

OBSERVATIONS:

Since King has designated the cities throughout the United States as targets for his demonstrations, we are instructing the field by separate communication to alert appropriate authorities. The field has previously been instructed to intensify their investigation in this regard so that we will be able to fulfill our racial intelligence responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached be forwarded by routing slips to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Defense McNamara; Army; Navy; Air Force; the Attorney General; Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Vinson, and Yeagley.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin	(unknown)
New York, New York	(3)
Newark, New Jersey	(2)
Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia	(4)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	(2)
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