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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

ATTENTION : William George Jameson

FROM : Robert A. Barteaux
Chief, Information Processing Group

THROUGH : SA/DO/O

SUBJECT : Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Department of Justice Task Force

REFERENCES : OGC 76-6616 dated 23 November 1976
OGC 76-5403 dated 4 October 1976

1. An intensive search of the files and indices of this Directorate has surfaced a total of 82 references to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) documents pertaining to your request concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. According to our records, sixty-six of these documents were destroyed in 1974, two have been lost and fourteen have been located. In regard to the request we have searched the files and indices on Dr. King, Coretta Scott King and James Earl Ray. The time frame of this correspondence extends from before to after Dr. King's assassination. These documents, which are summarily capsulized below, indicate the extent and nature of contact between the CIA and the FBI regarding Dr. King. Please note that those documents listed as PRA, DBB, BDC and DFB followed by a number are FBI documents. These designators and numbers as well as the computerized titles were assigned by this Agency for the purpose of retrieval and do not correspond with the original FBI document numbers and titles.

2. Listed below are nine of the fourteen documents mentioned in paragraph one above that are routine FBI information reports.

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DBE 82024 dated 19 April 1957 Subject:
Discussions With One C.L.R. James.

DBA 07422 dated 23 April 1962 Subject: Correspondence From One Paul Krassner Concerning an Interview With King.

DBB 14763 dated 13 July 1965 Subject: A Request From a Union Leader Asking King To Grant an Audience With Josiah Nwangi Kariuki, a Member of the Kenyan Parliament.

DBB 19833 dated 12 August 1965 Subject: A Major Policy Speech by King Containing the Substance of a Letter to President Johnson and Ho Chi Minh Concerning Vietnam.

DBB 56930 dated 17 August 1966 Subject: Fund Raising Activity by Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Behalf of King's Proposed Trip to the Holy Land.

DBC 05564 dated 23 January 1968 Subject: Request for King and Dr. Benjamin Spock To Visit England for Meetings Aimed at Campaigning Against the Vietnam War.

DBC 09700 dated 11 March 1968 Subject: Information Regarding Plans for a Massive Civil Disobedience Demonstration in the Nation's Capital

DBC 12561 dated 10 April 1968 Subject: A Plot by a Female Dominican Republic Citizen Involving Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown To Assassinate King.

DBC 13895 dated 18 April 1968 Subject: Reaction to King's Assassination by Carmichael, Floyd McKissick and others, as Aired on Havana Radio.

3. The remaining five documents are FBI requests for information from this Agency or Agency replies to such requests. They are as follows:

DBA 80456 dated 10 August 1964 Subject: Travel to European Countries.

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CSCI-316/02051-64 dated 30 November 1964 Subject:
Alleged Meeting With Members of the Italian
Communist and Socialist Parties.

DEB 22473 dated 24 September 1965 Subject:
Departure Schedules for European Trips.

OWOA 19623 dated 30 March 1966 Subject: Planned
Appearance at Oslo, Norway Rally.

CSCI-316/01702-68 dated 2 May 1968 Subject:
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - A 1964 offer of
employment from Marvin P. Littrell of Athens,
Alabama to Roderick Claflin Brown, a Panamanian
national who, in retrospect, believed it was an
assassination plot against King.

OIRT 6733, 16 Oct 64 - May 66 King w PCI Personalities

4. In November and December 1974, prior to the
Congressional Moratorium on records destruction, the
following list of sixty-six documents from Dr. King's and
Coretta King's files were destroyed. The two documents
preceded by an asterisk constitute the entire file on
Coretta King.

DBA 80038 dated 21 July 64 Subject: Commie
Party, USA Negro Question Commie Influence in
Racial Matters Martin Luther King Jr.

DBA 80377 dated 21 July 64 Subject: Commie
Party, USA Negro Question Commie Influence in
Racial Matters Martin Luther King Jr.

DBA 81387 dated 21 July 64 Subject: Commie
Party, USA Negro Question Commie Influence in
Racial Matters Martin Luther King Jr.

DBA 79676 dated 29 July 64 Subject: Communist
Party, USA Negro Question Communist influence
in Racial Matters Internal Security-C Martin
Luther King Jr.

DBA 82042 dated 28 August 64 Subject: Commie
Party, USA, Negro Question Commie Influence in
Racial Matters - Internal Security-C Martin
Luther King Jr.

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DBA 83063 dated 10 September 64 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DBA 83537 dated 11 September 64 Subject: Martin
Luther King, Jr. - Racial Matters

DBA 89220 dated 3 November 64 Subject:
Martin Luther King

DBA 92209 dated 4 December 64 Subject: Martin
Luther King, Jr., SM-C

DBA 94061 dated 24 December 64 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DBA 94567 dated 30 December 64 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DBA 96337 dated 21 Jan 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter - C

DBA 97570 dated 4 February 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DBA 98226 dated 11 February 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DBA 98721 dated 16 February 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DBB 03660 dated 5 April 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DBE 05352 dated 23 April 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter -C

DBB 09152 dated 21 May 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DBB 09020 dated 26 May 65 Subject:
Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Racial Matters

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DEB 09815 dated 2 June 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Racial Matters

HJKW 321 dated 14 June 65 Subject:
Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Racial Matters

DEB 10877 dated 15 June 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter - C

DEB 11447 dated 18 June 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. SM-C

DEB 14926 dated 14 July 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 14848 dated 16 July 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 16939 dated 3 August 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DEB 17192 dated 5 August 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DEB 17554 dated 5 August 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 17872 dated 10 August 65 Subject:
Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference /SCLC/ - Internal Security-C

DEB 18416 dated 13 August 65 Subject:
Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian
Leadership Conference

DEB 19076 dated 20 August 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 22076 dated 10 September 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 21780 dated 14 September 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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DEB 22620 dated 24 September 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DEB 23258 dated 27 September 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 25506 dated 15 October 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 26050 dated 20 October 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 27663 dated 5 November 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 27795 dated 9 November 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 28724 dated 16 November 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 31354 dated 7 December 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 31355 dated 7 December 65 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 35481 dated 18 January 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.
was 100-002-018

DEB 36366 dated 19 January 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 36229 dated 21 January 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DEB 36803 dated 26 January 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C
Communist Infiltration of the Student Non-
Violent Coordinating Committee Internal Security-C
was 100-004-110

DEB 39119 dated 25 February 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

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DBB 39369 dated 28 February 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DBB 41285 dated 16 March 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DBB 41669 dated 17 March 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DBB 41670 dated 21 March 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DBB 41587 dated 22 March 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DBB 41544 dated 23 March 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DBB 42064 dated 29 March 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DBB 42070 dated 29 March 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DBB 42071 dated 29 March 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DBB 41951 dated 30 March 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr.

DBB 44648 dated 18 April 66 Subject:
Communist Influence in Racial Matters Martin
Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DBB 50897 dated 17 June 66 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. was 100-500

DBB 87231 dated 19 July 67 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C
Communist Influence in Racial Matters Internal
Security-C

DBB 88164 dated 31 July 67 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

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DBB 98520 dated 1 November 1967 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-C

DBB 98813 dated 7 November 1967 Subject:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Security Matter-
Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian
Leadership Conference Internal Security-C

*DBC 22532 dated 15 July 1968 Subject:
Coretta Scott King

DBC 62356 dated 14 March 1969 Subject:
Memorial March Commemorating Death of Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr. To Be Held Memphis, Tenn. April
4, 1969 Racial Matters

*DBC 60260 dated 25 August 1969 Subject: Martin
Luther King, Jr.

5. According to the records of this Directorate
DBC 61386 date unknown, Subject: Martin Luther King, Jr.,
previously listed as destroyed and DFB 80124A03 dated 3
April 1957, Subject: 16th National Convention of the
Communist Party, USA; Internal Security, in which Dr. King
is mentioned on page 316, are both considered to be lost.
An intensive search of the files and indices has failed
to locate these documents.

6. After an intensive review of the file on James
Earl Ray it has been determined that the information contained
therein does not pertain to the specifics of the referenced
request. The file on Ray contains numerous overt publications
and other documents from various sources concerning the
aftermath of Dr. King's assassination including overseas
and domestic efforts to locate Ray.

7. According to Paul Haefner, Chief, IPC/SCP, all
documents associated with Operation CHAOS identifiable
in the name of Subject were processed in connection
with FOIA request 76-382 (submitted by Harold Weisberg)
and sent to DDC/PICG on 27 July 1976 via ITG memo dated
27 July 1976.

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8. It has been determined by this Directorate, from the information contained herein, that this Agency was never wittingly or unwittingly involved with or importuned by the FBI to mount or carry out any operations including counterintelligence operations against Dr. King to discredit him, to prevent him from any undertaking, or to frustrate him in regard to any endeavor or objective.

9. The files and documents concerning this case are available in IPG/EIS for review.

Robert A. Bartaux

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