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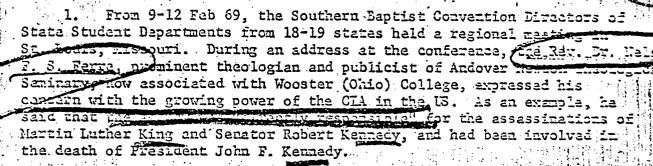
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ECT: Condemnation of CIA by Dr. Nals F. S. Ferre, Prominent Theologian



- 2. As his rationalization for the King assassination, Ferre claimed that the Johnson Administration had become concerned that King would lead another massive "march on Washington" during an election year, and therefore had ordered the Agency to murder King. In an aside, he said that the Agency was quite chagrined when their "brother service", Scotland Yard, had arrested their hired assassin, James Earl Ray, after CIA had believed he had been safely spirited abroad. Ferre's rationalizations for the other assassinations were not given. Ferre is an ordeined Congregational minister who has a PhD from Harvard.
- 3. Because of his prominence—he is listed in "Who's Who"—, Ferra's remarks apparently were not challenged by the Baptist student directors who appeared to be quite concerned by the charges. These directors are responsible for the Southern Baptist activities on all university and college campuses in their respective states, primarily in the southern and border states. In the past some DCS offices, including the St. Louis office, have dealt with them regarding the procurement of foreign student lists.
- 4. This information is forwarded as being of possible interest.

 Apparently Ferre's remarks were not reported in the local St. Louis newspapers.

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