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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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E F T O

ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCIAL AND
PERSONNEL DIVISION.

MARTIN LUTHER, KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REINTERVIEW; COST DATA.

THE FOLLOWING IS MANPOWER COST DATA BY THE PORTLAND DIVISION
FOR PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1976:

TWO HOURS VOLUNTARY OVERTIME - SA GS12 STEP THREE

FOUR HOURS REGULAR - SA GS12 STEP THREE

TWO HOURS REGULAR - SA GS12 STEP TWO.

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
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☐ TOP SECRET
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☐ CLEAR

DATE: 8/31/76

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: BUDGET & ACCOUNTING SECTION,
 FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION *JAB/cst*

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;
 COST DATA

Marked

ReButel 8/6/76.

1. Clerk JOHN L. MITCHELL, GS-4, Step 1 - 2 hours.
 SA W. SCOTT JARRETT, JR., GS-13, Step 8 - 4 hours.
2. None.

2 - Bureau (RAM) *detached Rec & Rm JAB/cst*
 1 - Albuquerque
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: BUDGET & ACCOUNTING SECTION,
FINANCE & PERSONNEL DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

SUBJ: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;
COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel, 8/6/76.

For information of the Bureau, the employees
and time spent by each in this matter is as follows:

1. SA ALLEN J. WEIKEL - GS-13, Step 2 - 4 hours.
HAROLD E. RICKS, JR. - GS-4, Step 5 - 1 hour.
LARRY G. MC MURRY - GS-5, Step 5 - 2 hours.
CHARLES T. FARMER - GS-5, Step 5 - 2 hours.

2. There were no unusual costs incurred by
the Jacksonville Division in connection with this matter.

Bureau will be advised of any additional work
done on this project by the fifth workday of each month.

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(2) - Bureau
2 - Jacksonville
AJW:cdh
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Approved: 56 SEP 20 1976
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) DATE: 8/30/76
ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, BUTTE (100-9533) (173-2)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. *JAB/USF*
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW
COST DATA *Mark*

Re Bureau nitel to All SACs, 8/6/76.

1. SA PATRICK J. FLETCHER, Grade 13, Step 5;
8 hours regular.
2. Secretary SALLY D. JENSEN, Grade 6, Step 6;
20 minutes.

② - Bureau | *Detained Acc & Bud Analysis Unit JAB/USF*
2 - Butte
(1 - 173-2)
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : R. J. Gallagher *RJG*

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JGD*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - J.B. Adams
1 - R.J. Gallagher
1 - T.W. Leavitt
1 - J.O. Ingram

DATE: 8/30/76

1 - J.G. Deegan
1 - Administrative Services
Division (Attn: Space
Management Unit)
1 - J.T. Aldhizer

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PURPOSE:

To advise that more personnel have been added to the Task Force of the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) and to request additional office space in the JEH Building for Task Force personnel to continue review of our King investigation.

SYNOPSIS:

The Attorney General has ordered a thorough review of our investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his assassination. Appointed to do this review is a Task Force under supervision of the OPR of the Department. This group has been given total access to our King related files. This Task Force, consisting of six persons, has been utilizing Room 4171 of JEH Building since May 1976. Three more analysts have been added to the Task Force and its leader has requested additional space. Since Room 4171 is inadequate to accommodate the entire Task Force, and since all Task Force members have Top Secret clearances and appropriate building passes are being processed for new Task Force members, it is felt this matter should be referred to the Space Management Unit of the Administrative Services Division in effort to obtain additional space.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Space Management Unit of the Administrative Services Division attempt to locate office space for the additional three members of the OPR Task Force.

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(ADDENDUM OF THE GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, PAGE FOUR)

(ADDENDUM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION, PAGE THREE).

(SEE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION ADDENDUM PAGE 5)

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Memorandum J.G. Deegan to R.J. Gallagher
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

DETAILS:

The Attorney General has ordered a thorough review of our investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his assassination. Appointed to conduct this review is a Task Force working under the direction of the OPR of the Department. This Task Force, consisting of six persons, began its review 5/10/76 utilizing Room 4171 of the JEH Building. This room is assigned to the Intelligence Division and was previously used by staff members of the Senate Select Committee.

Task Force leader Fred Folsom has advised that three analysts, Dana Boyd, Veronica Keith, and Renee Holmes, have been added to the Task Force. Folsom requested additional space since Room 4171 is inadequate to house all nine members of the Task Force.

All Task Force members, including the new additions, have been cleared for Top Secret information and security offices of the Department and Bureau are handling appropriate building passes for the new Task Force members. Since Room 4171 is inadequate to accommodate all members of the Task Force, it is felt this matter should be referred to the Space Management Unit of the Administrative Services Division in effort to obtain additional office space needed.

(OVER)

ADDENDUM OF THE SPACE MANAGEMENT UNIT, ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES DIVISION, RLO:efl, 9/3/76

There is no unassigned space in the FBIHQ available for reallocation to the Task Force for the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR). Additionally, the recent organizational changes involving the transfer of responsibilities and personnel between the Intelligence and the General Investigative Divisions further aggravates an already distressing space situation for the Intelligence Division.

Conference Room #3075 (a joint use facility previously allocated to the Laboratory and Special Investigative Divisions) in early June, 1976 was made available for the temporary needs of the Intelligence Division. It is at present not fully utilized. The three additional analysts recently added to the OPR Task Force may be temporarily accommodated in Room #3075.

The Space Management Unit (SMU) recognizes it may not be desirable to comingle the activities of the OPR group with the functions being carried on by the Intelligence Division in Room #3075. No other viable alternative is apparent to the SMU unless consideration is given to making the Intelligence Division Conference Room available to the OPR group.

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ADDENDUM OF THE GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION PEN:cjb 9/16/76

GID, with concurrence of the Intelligence Division and Records Management Division, does not recommend the OPR Task Force's utilization of either the Intelligence Division's conference room or temporary use of Room 3075 which houses the Classification Review Unit of the Records Management Division. GID recommends this matter be held in abeyance pending finalization of planning to consolidate functions and personnel of the IS-1 and IS-2 Sections of GID. It is anticipated this action may result in additional space becoming available which can be allotted to OPR Task Force people. In this regard it is noted there appears to be no urgent need for added space at this time since Task Force personnel are presently utilizing space allotted to it (Room 4171) on a part-time basis and in groups of 2 or 3 individuals. It is recommended OPR Task Force leader Fred Folsom be advised of our recommendation and findings in this regard.

Mr Folsom
advised & concurred
9/21/76
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- P/A

ADDENDUM: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

ABF:glh

9/17/76

The Intelligence Division (INTD) concurs with the addendum of the General Investigative Division dated 9/16/76 (page 4). With respect to Room 3075 referred to as being utilized by INTD in the addendum of the Administrative Services Division (page 3), INTD is not now occupying this space. This room was originally assigned to INTD for use by the FOIA Document Classification Review Unit of a then IS-1 Section. That Unit continues to occupy this space but is now assigned to the Records Management Division. Consequently, INTD does not have control nor responsibility over Room 3075.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (ATTENTION: Budget and Accounting Section, Finance and Personnel Division) *JAB/CSF* DATE: 8/30/76

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (44-563) (P) *720*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW
COST DATA *M.L.K.*

ReButel to IP, 8/6/76.

The following is a list of names, salary grade, hours spent, both regular and overtime, by each employee who worked on captioned matter:

SA WILLIAM L. NEAVES
Grade 12
2 hours - regular time

SA WILLIAM T. TILLER, Jr.
Grade 14
2 hours - regular time

SA JOHN A. YARA
Grade 11
8 hours - regular time

Secretary SHARON W. MC CLURE
Grade 5
3 hours - regular time

Clerk GREGORY C. BICKERS
Grade 3
2 hours - regular time

No unusual or out-of-the-ordinary costs were incurred in captioned case.

② - Bureau *1 detached B+A Sec. 917176*
2 - Indianapolis

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Date: 8/27/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTN: Budget and Accounting Section,
 Finance and Personnel Division

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 100-52821

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;
 COST DATA

ReButel, 7/29/76.

1. ROBERT S. BERRYMAN, GS-14-7, spent four hours
 regular and four hours overtime.

SANDY FIGONE, GS-4-1, spent two and one half
 hours regular.

2. There were no unusual or out-of-the-ordinary
 costs.

Agent
 GS-14-7 32,331 = 15.50 x 4 = 62.00 + 7.12 + 6.92 = 76.04

Class
 GS-4-1 7976 = 3.83 x 2 1/2 = 9.58 + 4.45 + 1.403 = 15.43

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR (100-1066) ROUTINE

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E F T O

ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND
PERSONNEL DIVISION.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST
DATA.

RE BUREAU NITEL TO ALL SAC'S, AUGUST 6, 1976.

NO MANPOWER OR UNUSUAL COSTS INCURRED IN
CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER
1-30, 1976, IN THE DETROIT DIVISION.

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Date: 8/25/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
(ATTN: J. T. ALDHIZER, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-17801) C

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Re Bureau phone call to St. Louis, 8/24/76, and St. Louis telephone call to Bureau, 8/25/76.

Review of St. Louis files reflects that military record of JAMES EARL RAY was reviewed on two occasions, 9/13/67 and 4/22/68. Both of these reviews were accomplished by IC EARL M. RANEY. He was telephonically contacted by the St. Louis Division on 8/24/76, and advised that military file was returned to MPRC personnel following completion of both file reviews.

Retired SA HAROLD R. DOBSON, MURKIN Case Agent, was contacted on 8/25/76, and stated that to the best of his memory the original military file of RAY, or a photostatic copy, was requested by the Bureau and sent to them by St. Louis. He assumed it had been returned.

Current records at MPRC contain only one reference to RAY's military file. This consists of a partially burned charge-out slip which is undated. It reflects that MPRC personnel BILL JARMON and FRANK WILLIAMS sent the original file to Ms. LEWELLAN, Liaison Office, Department of Army, Washington, D. C., FTS telephone number 697-0716. She was telephonically contacted on 8/24/76, and advised that RAY's record had been returned to St. Louis MPRC several years ago. JARMON and WILLIAMS are retired employees; but whereabouts unknown.

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Special Agent in Charge

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MPRC personnel recall inquiries from U. S. Attorney's Office in Memphis making inquiry concerning RAY file and possibility exists that that office may have requested and not returned the file.

The July, 1973 fire at MPRC destroyed a substantial portion of the records on the 6th Floor which would have been the storage place for the RAY file had it been returned.

St. Louis Division can only conclude that the original file is in one of three places: Liaison Office, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., U. S. Attorney's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, or charred beyond restoration in July, 1973 fire.

*LIAISON REP TOM BROOKS
DETERMINED FOLLOWING:*

ON 9/7/76 BEUCAN LEWELLAN DID NOT RECALL HAVING SEEN MILITARY RECORD OF RAY OR RECALL HAVING REQUESTED IT. SHE STATED RECORD HAS BEEN SUBJ. OF INQUIRY IN THE LIAISON OFFICE FOR SOME TIME. SHE COULD NOT EXPLAIN WHY ST. LOUIS RECORD CENTER HAD HER NAME AND BELIEVED CHARGE OUT SLIPS HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

ON 9/14/76 JACK MILLER, U.S. ARMY LIAISON OFFICE ADVISED THAT ALL EFFORTS OF THAT OFFICE TO LOCATE RAY'S RECORD HAD BEEN NEGATIVE. HE DISPLAYED NOTES HE PREPARED IN LAST ONE-TWO YEARS WHICH STATED, MRS (LINDA) NUNLEY (FORMER) CHIEF ARMY BRANCH, GSA ARCHIVES RECORDS CHARGED TO SOMEONE IN WASHINGTON AFTER DEATH OF KING. CHARGE RECORDS WERE DESTROYED. INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE OF VAULT SAYS RECORDS TAKEN TO SCOTT AFB FOR TRANSMISSION TO WDC. FBI WANTED THEM & THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN RETURNED. MILLER ASSUMED RECORDS ARE SOMEWHERE IN THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE NO ADDITIONAL INFO.

7 to 10/21/76

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING,
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (C)

DATE: 8/11/76

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bunitel, 8/6/76, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR;
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA."

The following personnel of the New Haven Division
participated in the MURKIN project requested by the Bureau
in Bunitel, 7/29/76:

One (1) Special Agent - Grade 13 Step 4	- 6 hours
One (1) Clerk - Grade 3 Step 4	- 2 hours
One (1) Clerk - Grade 5 Step 2	- 4 hours

All personnel utilized on this project did so on
regular shifts thereby precluding overtime. No unusual
or out-of-ordinary costs were involved in the project.

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FM NEWARK (100-57235)

TO DIRECTOR (ROUTINE)

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ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA

RE: BUREAU NITEL, 8/6/76.

PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
IS SET FORTH:

1. MANPOWER: THE NAME, GRADE, STEP, AND HOURS SPENT
ON THIS MATTER IN AUGUST.

A. SA JOHN W. ROBINSON, GRADE 13, STEP 10, TWO HOURS.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) ROUTINE NR 637-30

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EFTO

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REBUTEL AUGUST 18, 1976.

CASE FILE 173-1 (MURKIN) ON SUBJBDT BEING XEROXED AS
INSTRUCTED IN RETEL. MATERIAL WILL BE FORWARDED BY AIRTEL.

CASE FILE 100-2478 (CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION; COMINFIL
RACIAL MATTERS) HAS BEEN DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING
INSTRUCTIONS.

NO FILE MAINTAINED ON COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OR ON STANLEY DAVID LEVISON.

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FM TOKYO (100-324) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR (750-106670) PRIORITY NR. 172-29

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E F T O

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED AUGUST 30, 1976.

REBUCAB, DATED AUGUST 18, 1976.

A SEARCH OF TOKYO INDICES RELATIVE TO PRINCIPAL FILES
ENUMERATED IN REBUCAB DETERMINED THAT TOKYO REFERENCES EXISTED
IN INDICES FOR MURKIN (TOK 173-1), MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
(TOK 100-324), SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
(TOK 105-81-7), STANLEY DAVID LEVISON (TOK 100-439). A
REVIEW OF LEGAT FILES, HOWEVER, FOUND THAT ALL SERIALS OF THESE
FILES HAD BEEN DESTROYED PREVIOUSLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU
DESTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS. NO OTHER REFERENCES WERE NOTED FOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NO FURTHER ACTION AT TOKYO.

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FM CARACAS (44-2) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITX NR 137-27

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDED: AUGUST 30, 1976.

REBUTEL, AUGUST 18, 1976.

CARACAS OFFICE INDICES DO NOT REFLECT THE PRIOR EXISTENCE
OF ANY OF THE RELATED FILES LISTED IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION.

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- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 2 - Mr. A. Mintz
(1 - T. Blake)
- 1 - Mr. A. J. Decker
(Attn: T. H. Bresson)
- 1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt

August 25, 1976

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
- 1 - Mr. P. E. Nugent
- 2 - Mr. S. F. Phillips

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Reference is made to your letter dated July 14, 1976, captioned "Request of the Estate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," instructing that certain material concerning King previously furnished to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (Church Committee) now be furnished to the King estate; my letter dated August 2, 1976, forwarding for your concurrence a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) incorporating procedures and guidelines for use in fulfilling your instructions; and letter dated August 10, 1976, from Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility, which confirms the MOU with one exception discussed hereinafter.

The exception noted relates to derogatory material concerning Mr. Stanley David Levison and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wachtel which is included in the documents to be given to King estate. It is Mr. Shaheen's advice that these three individuals have consented to having derogatory information concerning them included in the documents and that their written consents at this point will be provided to the Department. We have and will follow the provisions of this exception but not to the exclusion of our option to excise information concerning these three individuals for reasons other than privacy as provided for in the MOU.

Since our submission of the MOU for the Department's concurrence, certain additional agreements and understandings have been arrived at between Mr. Steven Blackhurst, Assistant to Mr. Shaheen, and a representative of this Bureau. These

are as follows:

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The Attorney General

(1) If any classified Department of Justice documents are involved, they are to be excised in conformance with the MOU but not declassified. Such documents are to be specifically brought to the Department's attention, after which the Department will handle the matter of declassification and advise us.

(2) We may except from delivery to the King estate material which is completely extraneous to King.

(3) We are not to furnish to the King estate copies of twelve memoranda from former FBI Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Walter Jenkins of the White House concerning the 1964 Democratic Party National Convention.

Being delivered with this communication is the first installment of the documents for the King estate. Attention is invited to the penultimate document in this submission, a communication from the Attorney General to the Director, FBI, dated May 20, 1954, and entitled "Microphone Surveillance." This communication is classified "Confidential."

1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Michael E. Sheehan, Jr.
Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

NOTE:

The material in this first installment represents material delivered to the Church Committee in response to its 5/14/75 request. The agreements and understandings referred to above were between Blackburn of the Department and S. E. Phillips of the Bureau. Duplicate sets of documents being sent Department, one for King estate, one for retention.

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE 473-25

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED AUGUST 30, 1976.

REBUCAB TO ALL LEGATS, AUGUST 18, 1976.

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RECORDS AT BONN SHOW FOLLOWING FILES HAVE BEEN

DESTROYED:

"MURKIN," BONN FILE 62-66, BUFILE 44-38861.

"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.," BONN FILE 100-1184, BUFILE 100-106670.

"SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IS - C," BONN FILE 100-2045, NO BUFILE AVAILABLE.

NO RECORD WAS FOUND IN BONN INDICES CONCERNING:

"COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - NEGRO QUESTION."

"STANLEY DAVID LEVISON."

NO MAIN FILE ENTITLED "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS" WAS FOUND, HOWEVER, BONN FILE 100-4238, BUFILE

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100-434819 ENTITLED "FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.,
IS - C" WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN:

1. NEW YORK LHM, NOVEMBER 3, 1964 CLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL BEARING DUAL CAPTION "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
IN RACIAL MATTERS, IS - C," AND "FREEDOM ASSOCIATES,
INC., IS - C."

2. BUREAU 07, NOVEMBER 6, 1964 WITH SAME DUAL CAPTION.
BOTH SERIALS FOLLOW BY AIRTEL.

(C) NO MAIN FILE ENTITLED "COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE" WAS FOUND. HOWEVER, BONN FILE ENTITLED
["RELATIONS WITH THE DUTCH INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICE (BVD)"]
WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN A REQUEST FROM THE BVD FOR INFORMATION
IN WHICH REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING "HAS SET OUT HIS IDEAS
AND THE METHOD TO BE FOLLOWED IN GIVING EFFECT TO HIS VIEWS."
BONN FILE CONTAINS FOLLOWING SERIALS RELATING TO BVD REQUEST:

1. [BVD] LETTER, AUGUST 25, 1965 CLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL.

2. BONN LETTER TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 2, 1965
CAPTIONED ["RELATIONS WITH INTERNAL SERVICE SERVICE OF THE
NETHERLANDS (BVD)."]

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3. BUREAU

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"COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C."

4. ATLANTA LET TO BUREAU, OCTOBER 19, 1965
CAPTIONED "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C."

5. ATLANTA LHM, OCTOBER 19, 1965 CLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL CAPTIONED "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE."

6. BONN LETTER TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER 22, 1965, 7
BONN FILE 105-5392, CAPTIONED "TRAINING CENTER FOR
NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE AND ACTION, IS - THE NETHERLANDS." ~~X~~ u
COPY OF THESE SERIALS FOLLOW BY AIRTEL.

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Date: 8/23/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -RUC-

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau dated 8/20/76.

During file review Springfield Division, Department of Justice Task Force Attorney JOSEPH F. GROSS, JR. requested and was furnished xerox copies of the following serials in Springfield file 44-561:

Serial 259 Photostat of undated Western District of Missouri pre-sentence report block-stamped Springfield 4/24/68.

Serial 260 Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 4/20/68 transmitting copies of JAMES EARL RAY's file at Illinois State Prison, Pontiac, Illinois.

Serials 261-265 Enclosures for serial 260 (enclosures were also furnished Bureau)

Serial 324 Springfield teletype to Bureau and Chicago dated 4/26/68. 21 SEP 9 1976

Serial 325 Springfield teletype to Bureau, Miami and St. Louis dated 4/26/68.

Serial 414 Memorandum of SA ELYON H. DAVIS dated 5/2/68 to SAC, Springfield (contained background information on JAMES EARL RAY).

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Special Agent in Charge

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- Serial 415 Memorandum of SA ELYON H. DAVIS
dated 5/2/68 to SAC, Springfield
(contained information furnished on a
confidential basis by Circuit Judge
RICHARD SCHOLZ, Quincy, Illinois).
- Serial 797 Memorandum from SA WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD
to SAC, Springfield dated 11/26/68
(contained information concerning
purchase of an automobile by JOHN L. RAYNS).
- Serial 805 LHM concerning JAMES EARL RAY
(copy furnished Bureau by Springfield
airtel dated 11/29/68).
- Serial 810 Bureau airtel to Springfield and Chicago
dated 12/5/68.

Prior to commencing file review, Mr. GROSS inquired of the identity of the serials contained in Springfield file on LEVISON. Per telephonic instructions received from FBIHQ, Mr. GROSS was advised that the first serial was a communication from the Bureau and that second serial was a communication from Springfield to Chicago and New York. No other information concerning these serials was furnished.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) ROUTINE 245-23

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E F T O

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUZED AUGUST 30, 1976.

FOLLOWING FILES NEVER EXISTED IN BERN OFFICE:

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS.

COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -

NEGRO QUESTION.

FOLLOWING FILES EXISTED, BUT WERE DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH BUREAU-APPROVED PROCEDURE:

MURKIN (ASSASSINATION OF KING)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

STANLEY DAVID LEVISON

FOLLOWING FILES EXIST:

COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

AN AIRTEL ENCLOSING ONE PHOTOCOPY OF EACH SERIAL OF THIS
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO FBIHQ AUGUST 16, 1976.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE MEMBER JOSEPH F. GROSS,
JR. COMPLETED REVIEW OF ST. LOUIS FILES AND DEPARTED 12:05 PM,
AUGUST 19, 1976.

GROSS EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN SPRINGFIELD DIVISION ON THE
MORNING OF AUGUST 20, 1976 FOR A FILE REVIEW OF ONE DAY
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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) NR 065-19

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E F T O MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED AUGUST 30, 1976.

REBUCAB AUGUST 18, 1976.

REVIEW OF LEGAT, BRASILIA, INDICES AND APPROPRIATE RECORDS

FAILS TO DISCLOSE MENTION OF ANY FILES PERTAINING TO "MURKIN,"
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS;
COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - NEGRO QUESTION; OR
STANLEY DAVID LEVISON.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670)

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FROM LEGAT PARIS (100-0)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,; BUDED AUGUST 30, 1976.

REBUTEL AUGUST 18, 1976.

REVIEW BY PARIS HAS DETERMINED ALL FILES SET FORTH IN
REFERENCED BUTEL PREVIOUSLY MAINTAINED BY PARIS HAVE BEEN
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED AUGUST 30, 1976.

REBUTEL AUGUST 18, 1976.

MADRID INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH ANY
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E F T O

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REBUTEL, AUGUST 10, 1976.

AT 9:30 A.M., AUGUST 18, 1976, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE, FRED FOLSON, JAMES WALKER, JAMES KIECKHEFER AND WILLIAM WHITE ARRIVED AT CHICAGO OFFICE.

FOLSON ADVISED GROUP WOULD REVIEW CHICAGO FILE 44-1114, "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS (CODE NAME: MURKIN)" AND CHICAGO FILE 100-35356, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : R. J. Gallagher

FROM : J. G. Deegan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - R.G. Field
1 - J.B. Adams
1 - R.J. Gallagher
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PURPOSE

To advise that personnel of the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Task Force, who are reviewing our investigation of King, be given a highly sensitive oral briefing regarding our informant operation which reports information on liaison between Communist Parties in the United States and the USSR.

SYNOPSIS

The above mentioned briefing was provided Senator Frank Church and selected members of his Senate Select Committee (SSC) on 11/5/75. It was intended, in part, to serve in lieu of any written information in response to SSC's request for communication documenting Stanley David Levison as a secret member of the CPUSA. King's association with Levison served as basis of our investigation of King. The OPR Task Force, which is conducting a review of our King investigation, has requested the same briefing given the SSC. The Task Force leader feels briefing will provide valuable information to his group and insure thoroughness in its review. It is in the best interest of the FBI, for sake of openness and cooperativeness, to provide this briefing. Intelligence Division representatives will brief Task Force during the week of 8/23/76.

RECOMMENDATION

None; for information.

CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED BY
DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)
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Memorandum Deegan to Gallagher
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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DETAILS

~~TOP SECRET~~
On 11/5/75, representatives of the Intelligence Division provided Senator Frank Church and selected members of the SSC a highly sensitive briefing concerning our informant operation which provides information on liaison between Communist Parties in the United States and the USSR. This briefing was intended, in part, to serve in lieu of any written information in response to SSC's request for communications documenting Stanley David Levison as a secret member of the CPUSA. It was King's association with Levison that served for basis of our investigation of King. *u*

As you are aware, the Attorney General (AG) has ordered the OPR to conduct a review of our investigation of King. This Task Force consists of seven individuals who have been reviewing our files since May 1976. After reviewing all King assassination files and security files in a few Field Offices, the group plans to begin review of King security files at FBIHQ. This group has been given total access to our King related files at the direction of the AG. *u*

Task Force leader Fred Folsom has requested his group receive the same oral briefing provided the SSC. Folsom feels this briefing will provide valuable background information bearing on initiation of the King investigation. Folsom believes absence of such a briefing will leave a void in his group's review which is to be as thorough as possible. Folsom has stated that Michael E. Shaheen, Counsel of the OPR agrees with his view. *u*

Since this briefing has been provided the SSC and in order to be completely open and cooperative with the OPR review, it is believed that it is in the best interest of the FBI to provide the briefing. Representatives of the Intelligence Division will conduct the briefing during the week of 8/23/76. *u*

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) ROUTINE NR. 275-18

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E F T O

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDED 8/30/76.

REBUCAB, AUGUST 18, 1976.

A REVIEW OF OTTAWA FILES PERTAINING TO CAPTIONED MATTER
DISCLOSED SEVEN SERIALS IN OTTAWA FILE 44-4, BUFILE 44-38861,
CAPTIONED "MURKIN", MOST OF WHICH PERTAIN TO
THE RETENTION OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE BY TENNESSEE
AUTHORITIES WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY FURNISHED BY RCMP. ALL
OTHER DOCUMENTS DESTROYED PER MANUAL OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS.
COPIES OF ABOVE SERIALS BEING FORWARDED BY NEXT POUCH PER JG 20/1976
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12:15 PM NITEL 8/18/76 DRD :EJG

TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) NR 444-18

FROM LEGAT LONDON (100-3329) (RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED AUGUST 30, 1976.

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REVIEW OF LONDON INDICES INDICATES SEVERAL PREVIOUS MAIN FILES AND REFERENCES IDENTICAL WITH THOSE SET FORTH IN RETEL, HOWEVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DESTRUCTION OF FILES, ALL THESE FILES AND REFERENCES HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DESTROYED.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) ROUTINE 182-18

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REBUTEL AUGUST 17, 1976.

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LOCATED; HOWEVER, ALL FILES HAD BEEN DESTROYED UNDER BUREAU
APPROVED FILE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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ATTENTION INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE LAWYER JOSEPH F. GROSS JR. ARRIVED ST. LOUIS DIVISION 1-:58 PM, AUGUST 16, 1976, AND COMMENCED FILE REVIEW.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED AUGUST 30, 1976

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW IS A TASK FORCE WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE REVIEW BEGAN IN MAY 1976, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF KING RELATED FILES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AT FBIHQ AND IN SELECTED FIELD OFFICES.

THE TASK FORCE PLANS TO REVIEW SERIALS OF ALL KING RELATED FILES AT FBIHQ AND IN THE FIELD. FRED FOLSOM, TASK FORCE LEADER, HAS INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF KING FILES IN THE OFFICES OF FBI LEGAL ATTACHES.

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THE PRINCIPAL FILES OF INTEREST IN THIS REVIEW ARE AS FOLLOWS: ASSASSINATION OF KING CAPTIONED "MURKIN" (44-38861); MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (100-106670); COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (100-438794); COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS (100-442529); COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - NEGRO QUESTION (100-3-116); STANLEY DAVID LEVISON (100-392452).

IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREIGN OPERATION POLICY MANUAL, THE ABOVE FILES HAVE PROBABLY BEEN DESTROYED BY LEGAT. HOWEVER, MR. FOLSOM FEELS THAT CANVASSING ALL LEGATS IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THOROUGHNESS IN HIS REVIEW.

THEREFORE, EACH LEGAT ADVISE FBIHQ OF EXISTENCE OF ANY ABOVE KING RELATED FILES OR IF SUCH FILES WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS. SUBMIT RESULTS IN TELETYPE FORM TO REACH FBIHQ BY AUGUST 30, 1976. IF ANY FILES ARE LOCATED YOU ARE TO FOLLOW YOUR TELETYPE WITH AN AIRTEL ENCLOSING ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH SERIAL. IT WILL BE NECESSARY ONLY TO XEROX THE FIRST PAGE OF ANY DOCUMENT IN YOUR FILES IF A COPY OF THAT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ. THIS FIRST PAGE SHOULD CONTAIN THE LEGAT SERIAL NUMBER IN ORDER THAT DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE A COMPLETE CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNTING OF EACH SERIAL.

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NOTE: Foreign Operation Policy Manual calls for destruction of criminal files after one year and security files after three years in offices of Legal Attaches. Although it is unlikely any files exist, Legat should be canvassed for reasons given above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION; FINANCE
AND PERSONNEL SECTION

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;
COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel to All Offices, 8/6/76.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions in referenced
nitel, the following is set forth:

1. Manpower:

Name	Grade	Salary Step	Hours (Regular)
KENNETH R. KIRWAN	14	5	1
H. MICHAEL WARREN	11	3	4
ALLEN L. HOWARD	3	1	1
NANCY A. AMLUNG	55	1	1

No overtime hours were used in this project
by the personnel of the Cincinnati Office.

2. Unusual Costs: None

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The summation of the above sets forth all investigation requested by the Bureau. Cincinnati is, therefore, placing this case in an RUC status.

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Date: 8/12/76

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;
 COST DATA

Re Butels dated 6/11/76, 7/29/76, and 8/6/76.

The following information is being furnished as to
 the cost incurred in connection with captioned matter:

1. Manpower: SA EUGENE G. BABLER, Grade 13,
 Salary Step 10, spent eight regular
 hours working on this matter.
2. Unusual Costs: None

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4:03 PM NITEL AUG. 12, 1976 JLD

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: BALTIMORE (44-669) (RUC)

ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND
PERSONNEL DIVISION *Murkin* *jaokle*

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA *BUDGET*

RE BUREAU NITEL TO ALL SAC'S, AUGUST 6, 1976.

NAMES OF EMPLOYEES WHO WORKED ON REFERENCED PROJECT
ARE SARGENT DAVIS, GS-13, WORKED TWO HOURS; AND CLERK WANDA NASON,
GS-3, WHO WORKED 13 REGULAR WORK DAY HOURS.

NO UNUSUAL EXPENSES WERE INCURRED EXCEPT APPROXIMATELY \$100
FOR XEROXING.

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Date: 8/11/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION *gab/yjs*

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-6741)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;
COST DATA *MURKIN*

Re Bureau nitel to all SACs dated 8/6/76.

In connection with manpower expended re this matter,
the following is the data requested in referenced nitel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade and Step</u>	<u>Hours (Regular)</u>
SA BRUCE M. DOVE	GS-13 Step 2	5

No unusual costs were incurred.

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Approved: *TMT/113*
Special Agent in Charge

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11:50PM AUGUST 11, 1976 NITEL TLB

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, *gab/ly*

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE SAN DIEGO AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, AUGUST 2, 1976,
REPORTING COMPLETION OF XEROXING OF SUBJECT'S SAN DIEGO
FILE; BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 6, 1976.

COSTS INCURRED WITH CAPTIONED MATTER:

1. KAKPOWER:

SUPERVISOR/SPECIAL AGENT ANDREW C. GIBSON,

GS-14, STEP 4 - ONE HOUR.

SA HOWARD B. WESLEY, GS-13, STEP 10 - SEVEN HOURS.

RICHARD A. SYLVIA, CLERK (GS-5), STEP 1 - FOUR HOURS.

ROGER L. ANDREWS, CLERK (GS-4), STEP 1 - EIGHT HOURS.

NO OVERTIME WORK BY ANY OF THE ABOVE.

2. UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

AUG 10 1976

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel
Office of Professional Responsibility

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reference is made to your memorandum to the Attorney General captioned as above dated August 2, 1976. That memorandum enclosed a proposed memorandum of understanding which set forth the procedures and standards for providing materials previously given to the Senate Select Committee (SSC) to the estate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This is to confirm that the memorandum of understanding, with one exception, accurately reflects the Department's view of the standards and procedures by which FBI materials concerning Dr. King should be provided to the King estate.

The one exception is that derogatory information concerning Mr. Stanley David Levison and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wachtel contained in the documents provided to the SSC should not be excised before transmittal to the King estate. That exception is made at the request of Mr. Levison and Mr. and Mrs. Wachtel. At our request their consents to our providing such materials to the King estate will be put in writing, a copy of which will be provided to the Bureau. This exception was decided upon after the proposed memorandum of understanding was drafted by the FBI which is why it was omitted from the memorandum.

We appreciate your expeditious treatment of the request of the King estate.

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2 ENCLOSURE

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- 2 - Mr. J. A. Hinz (Route Through
(1 - P.T. Blake) For Review)
- 1 - Mr. A. Decker (Route Through
(Attn: J.H. Bresson) For Review)
- 1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt
- 1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

The Attorney General

August 2, 1976

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. P. E. Nugent
- 2 - S. F. Phillips

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to your letter of July 14, 1976, captioned "Request of the Estate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," instructing that certain material concerning King previously furnished to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (Church Committee) now be furnished to the King estate.

Because of the complicated and sensitive nature of this matter as well as the large volume of material involved, discussions have been held between representatives of the Department and this Bureau for the purpose of establishing necessary guidelines and resolving many obvious problems related to the implementation of these instructions. These are dealt with in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which is submitted herewith for your concurrence. Pursuant to your request we are coordinating this matter with the office of Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination.

In addition to those matters covered in the MOU, it is believed that recognition should be taken of the following:

During a discussion of this matter on July 20, 1976, with Shaheen, he observed that this matter was not to be handled as a Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act request and that the usual appeal procedures provided for by those Acts would not be available to the King estate.

On July 27, 1976, Mr. Steven Blackhurst, Assistant Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination, advised a representative of this Bureau that although it was first believed that the King estate would provide some written consents from individuals whose names appear in the King documents (referred to in paragraph 1 of referenced letter), such consents are not now expected and we may address the matter of privacy in the manner indicated in the MOU.

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AFFAIRS

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ENCLOSURE

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The Attorney General

As you are aware, we are presently engaged in other urgent matters relating to the King case. One concerns the two civil suits pending regarding the electronic surveillance of King (referred to in paragraph 2 of referenced letter). The other concerns the review of the King case and related matters by a Departmental task force under the direction of Mr. Fred G. Folsom, Jr. These endeavors are engaging most of our personnel who are familiar with and have the expertise to handle the latest request of the King estate. Nonetheless, you are assured that we will give the latest request a high priority for expeditious attention.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.
Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

NOTE:

Initial conference with Department on this matter, 7/20/76, in Shaheen's Office. Present for Department were Shaheen; his assistant, Blackhurst; and James Kieckhefer and Joseph Gross, members of Folsom's task force. Representing the Bureau were P. T. Blake, Legal Counsel Division; T. H. Bresson and D. L. Smith, FOI - Privacy Acts Section, Records Management Division; and for INTD, J. T. Aldhizer, III; P. E. Nugent and S. F. Phillips.

It was agreed at this meeting that a draft of an MOU encompassing results of discussions would be drawn up by the Bureau, informally reviewed by Shaheen's Office, and thereafter formalized through this correspondence. Such was done and after further discussions between Blackhurst and Phillips, the final version of the MOU was prepared and is now being presented to the Attorney General for his official concurrence.

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The Attorney General

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At the 7/20/76 meeting Shaheen indicated that the reason the King estate was asking for materials from FBI files was that the interested parties desire to develop a history or chronology of the civil rights movement and since King was under such intensive investigation by the FBI, it is believed by them that material in our files will serve to fill out the historical record. Shaheen was asked if the Department had anything in writing from the King estate relating to this request and he stated it did not. When it was indicated that the Bureau might expect there would eventually be something in writing, Shaheen nodded assent. However, when Phillips raised this matter with Blackhurst on 7/27/76, Blackhurst indicated that the Department does not have anything in writing from the King estate and the Department would "just as soon not" have a written request. The Department's reasoning is that it wants to leave the matter informal in order to avoid a law suit and that it would not be in the Department's interest to have the King estate formalize its request.

When asked the basis for the urgency of this matter, Blackhurst being reminded of the other King matter inquiries now tying up our personnel, Blackhurst said it was probably because the estate had originally initiated negotiations with the Department for King materials even prior to the Church Committee entering the picture.

It was also brought to Blackhurst's attention that according to a letter of 6/3/76, from Shaheen to Assistant Director Mintz, the King estate requested Department's permission for access to King materials. Blackhurst was asked whether the "access" request had been changed to one of "delivery" and he stated that it had.