

Memorandum to Gallagher

Re: Report of the Department of Justice Task Force

Per request of OPR, we have been assisting Task Force in its preparation of a report it intends to make public which is protective of privacy rights sensitive sources and classification concerns.

OPR instructed original version of the Task Force's report was to be classified "Top Secret" and requested Bureau designate individuals to assist Task Force in classifying the original report and in preparing a publicly-releasable report. Document Classification Officer (Security Officer) of FBI was designated to assist Task Force representatives in classification matters and on 1/17/77, the report, Appendix A and Appendix B were classified on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis. Document Classification Officer (DCO) on/18/77 assisted Task Force in preparation of sanitized verson invoking where possible approved classification standards. In spite of paraphrasing, sanitized report could be detrimental to this Bureau's counterintelligence interests in that sources and methods may, through logical speculation, be identified.

All information in this memorandum is unclassified unless otherwise indicated.

RECOMMENDATION: Attached for approval is a letter to the AG setting forth our observations concerning this Task Force report.

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BACKGROUND: In 1975, the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives Select Committees on Intelligence Activities conducted inquiries and held public hearings concerning the FBI. Following disclosures made during these hearings, the AG directed, in November, 1975, the Civil Rights and the Criminal Divisions of the United States Department of Justice to review the files relating to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and make a recommendation as to whether the assassination case should be reopened.

In April, 1976, the AG announced that, based on the preliminary review by the Civil Rights Division, the tentative conclusions were: (1) there was no basis to believe that the FBI in any way caused the death of Dr. King; (2) no evidence was discovered that the FBI investigation of the assassination of Dr. King was not thorough and honest; (3) instances were found indicating that the FBI undertook a systematic program of harassment of Dr. King in order to discredit him and harm both him and the movement he led.

The AG then ordered that the OPR of the Department complete this review, and that answers to the following questions be furnished to the AG and to FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley: (1) whether the FBI investigation of Dr. King's assassination was thorough and honest; (2) whether there is any evidence that the FBI was involved in the assassination of Dr. King; (3) whether, in light of the first two matters, there is any new evidence which has come to the attention of the Department concerning the assassination of Dr. King; and (4) whether the nature of the relationship between the Bureau and Dr. King calls for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings, or other appropriate actions.

Since May, 1976, a Task Force of Departmental Attorneys under the OPR has been reviewing our investigative results, both at FBIHQ and in the field, of both the assassination investigation (civil rights investigation) and our security investigation of Dr. King.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE - OPR:

By memorandum 1/12/77, Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, OPR, United States Department of Justice furnished to the Director of the FBI a "Report of the Department of Justice Task Force to Review the FBI - Martin Luther King, Jr.,

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Security and Assassination Investigations." Mr. Shaheen also requested to know the names of those Bureau employees the Director intended to designate to classify these materials and to assist the Task Force in preparing a publicly releasable report that is protective of privacy rights, sensitive sources and methods and classification concerns. (Response made to Mr. Shaheen in this regard by letter 1/17/77).

This report consists of 149 pages plus the appendices. After the "Introduction" this report consists of "The Assassination Investigation," "The Security Investigation," "Recommendations," and the "Appendices," which consist of "Documents Cited in Report," "Interview Memoranda," and "Notes from FBI Files and Records from Other Sources." The Task: Force advises this report is based upon review of FBI files (at FBIHQ and in the field), witness interviews (as conducted by the Task Force) public source material including newspaper accounts and books, review of the AG's file, files of other Government agencies and the Memphis Police Department as well as an on-the-spot inspection of the crime scene by the Task Force and a review of the local court records (where James Earl Ray was prosecuted).

THE ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated on 4/4/68, in Memphis, Tennessee. The FBI, based upon the request of the United States Department of Justice, instituted an immediate civil rights investigation into this assassination. Based upon our extensive investigation, James Earl Ray was identified as the assassin and subsequently pled guilty to this murder in State Court in Tennessee. He presently is in local confinement.

The Task Force report states that "based on our review of the files, the task force is satisfied that the FBI did a credible and thorough job in attempting to identify any possible conspiracy or persons who could have been involved in the murder," (Page 63). The Task Force states it hoped to have an opportunity to go over the facts with James Earl Ray, (Pages 85 and 86). (It is noted Ray never consented to a FBI interview.) Ray agreed with the advice of his attorney and did not consent to an interview by the Task Force (Page 86). In reviewing the local guilty plea of Ray the Task Force states, "Thus, Ray has judicially confessed that he intended to and did kill Dr. King," (Page 87).





The Task Force addresses the claim of Ray to author William Bradford Huie that he "drove 'Raoul' away from the crime scene after the murder wholly unaware of the killing of Dr. King. In this version 'Raoul,' or 'Roual,' is the mysterious killer who Ray thought to be an international gun-runner," (Page 88). (Our investigation never identified the existence Raoul" or "Roual.") The Task Force also examined the allegation that Ray was "set up as a 'patsy' for 'Raoul.'" The Task Force states "The task force views the exculpatory content of these varying and patently self-serving tales to be unbelievable. The varying details are materially self refuting. Ray first admits full guilt," (Pages 28 and 89). The Task Force also states "We conclude on the basis of the evidence examined that there was no such conspiracy," (Page 90).

In examining Ray's "Sources Of Funds" the Task Force states "Therefore, the Bureau was particularly interested in determining his sources of income," (Page 98). In discussing the "Critical Evaluation Of The Assassination Investigation," the Task Force states "First, the task force has concluded that the investigation by the FBI to ascertain and capture the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was thoroughly, honestly and successfully conducted, " (Pages 106 and 107). "Second, the task force views the evidence pointing to the guilt of James Earl Ray as the man who purchased the murder gun and who fired the fatal shot to be conclusive," (Page 108). "Third, we found that conspiracy leads (aliunde Ray's versions) had been consciently run down by the FBI even though they had no possible relation to Ray's stories or to the known facts. The results were negative. We found no evidence of any complicity on the part of the Memphis Police Department or the FBI; " (Pages 108 and 109). "But the sum of all of the evidence of Ray's guilt points to him so exclusively that it most effectively makes the point that no one else was involved, " (Page 109). "Fourth, it is true that the task force unearthed some new data--data which answers some persistent questions and which the FBI did not seek. But the Bureau concentrated on the principal in the case and much was not considered important to his discovery and apprehension. We find no dishonesty in this," (Page 109). "By hindsight the task force believes Jerry and John Ray (Ray's brothers) could have been effectively interrogated further to learn their knowledge, if any, of James Earl Ray's plans, his finances and whether they helped him after King's death," (Page 110).





In discussing the "Bureau's disdain for Department supervision," the report states that "the FBI "Legat" in London was instructed not to take orders from Vinson (HQ 44-38861-4507)," (Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson) (Page 110). Although this citation is incorrect as pointed out to the task force on 1/17/77, it is noted in this regard that the Legat in London had liaison with the London authorities regarding Ray's extradition to the United States, and it was then and still is established policy in civil rights cases for the Department to make any requests to FBIHQ.

Also on Page 143, the task force states, "The task force does not fault the technical competence of the investigation conducted into the death of Dr. King." We found no new evidence which calls for action by state or Federal authorities. Our concern has developed over administrative detection tactics.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE MURDER INVESTIGATION AND OUR OBSERVATIONS: In the attached letter to the AG our observations are set forth concerning the Task Force recommendations and the report. Therefore, the Task Force recommendations as to the murder investigation are not summarized in this memorandum.

SECURITY INVESTIGATION: As stated above, the OPR Task Force was specifically requested by the AG to determine if the relationship between the FBI and King called for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings, or other appropriate action. In addition, examination of King and related security files was to determine if the FBI was in any way involved in the assassination of King.

In its review the primary security files of interest to the Task Force, in addition to the King security file, were as follows: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); Communist Influence in Racial Matters; Communist Party USA (CPUSA) - Negro Question and Stanley David Levison (Secret).

In its final report, the Task Force devotes pages 112-139 to a discussion of our King security investigation, utilizing subheadings entitled, "FBI Surveillance and Harassment of Dr. King," and "Critical Evaluation of the Security Investigation." The Task Force issues six recommendations as to the security investigation of King.

In its report, the Task Force traces the FBI's



relationship with King to include initiation of investigation in 1962, which was based on his association with Levison, and Communist Influence in the Civil Rights movement, the degree of which was debated in internal memoranda between Mr. Hoover and the Domestic Intelligence Division. The Task Force concluded opening King's investigation in 1962 was justified, (Page 122); that its continuation was unwarranted, (Page 123); the Bureau to date has no evidence whatsoever that King was ever a Communist or affiliated with CPUSA, (Page 123); and that, the SCLC, under King, was anything other than a legitimate organization devoted to the Civil Rights movement, (Page 124). Further, the Task Force reported that Bureau files examined lacked any information that Levison's advice was dictated by the CPUSA or contrary to the interests of the United States (Page 124) (Secret).

The Task Force discussed the public dispute between King and Mr. Hoover concluding that this persistent controversy was a major factor in the Bureau's determination to discredit King and ultimately destroy his leadership role in the Civil Rights movement, (Page 126).

With respect to electronic surveillance of King, the Task Force report alludes to findings of the Senate Select Committee On Intelligence (SSC), which compiled a list of telephone and microphone surveillances against King. OPR report names five additional installations not previously reported by the SSC since, according to OPR, they appeared to have been unproductive either because King did not reside at the hotel as planned or that the recordings made did not pick up any significant information, (Pages 126-127). The Task Force reviewed selected portions of transcripts of electronic surveillances of King and reviewed several tapes to check accuracy of transcrpts with the original tapes. The Task Force concluded the transcripts were basically accurate, although some material was not put on the transcripts because that portion of the recording was garbled or unclear or it was considered unimportant, (Page 130).

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Utilizing several examples of specific FBI action directed against King, his wife and associates, the Task Force report documents an "extensive program within the FBI" to discredit King during the years 1964-68. In this section it is disclosed approximately 30 surreptitious entries against Levison from 1954-1965, some of which retrieved information concerning King. These entries were cited as a serious breach of the attorney - client relationship between King and Levison, aside from violating Levison's Fourth Amendment rights, (Page 139) (Secret).

In passing, the Task Force noted that the FBI continued to employ an informant in SCLC despite the fact that the informant conceded to Agents Atlanta that he embezzled some SCLC funds. The report continued that the Bureau voiced strong disapproval of these activities, but no legal or disciplinary action was taken with respect to the informant, (Page 139) (Confidential).

In its critical evaluation, the Task Force believed the security investigation of King should have terminated upon Levison's disassociation with the CPUSA in 1963 and its intensification, to include COINTELPRO activities, was unwarranted and very probably in violation of Civil Rights Statutes, (Page 141) (Secret).

The Task Force report notes that the continuing security investigation of King also reflects that the AG and Justice Department Division charged with responsibility for internal security matters, failed badly in what should have been firm supervision of the FBI's internal security activities, (Page 142).

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF KING: Charged to address itself to whether the nature of the relationship between the Bureau and King called for criminal prosecution of disciplinary action the Task Force issued six recommendations, (Pages 145-149), which are summarized as follows:

(1) Criminal prosecution of Eureau personnel, past or present, responsible for possible criminal harassment of King was not recommended because the five-year Statute of Limitations has expired. No evidence of a continuing conspiracy was found.





- (2) It was recommended that no disciplinary action be taken against personnel still in active service in the Bureau. Responsibility for initiation and prolonging investigation of King rested with the deceased Director of the Bureau and his immediate lieutenants, who are either deceased or retired.
- (3) It was recommended that tapes and transcripts in the King case be sealed and sent to the National Archives and that Congress be asked to pass legislation denying access to them and authorizing and directing their total destruction along with material in reports and memoranda derived thereof.
- (4) Recognizing the potential for abuse by any Director of the FBI, the Task Force endorsed the Department of Justice (OPR) as an effective means for intradepartmental policing of the Bureau and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence as the legislative arm to oversee performance of the Bureau.
- (5) It was recommended that unauthorized malicious dissemination of investigative data from FBI files be made a felony rather than the presently prescribed misdemeanor.
- (6) It was recommended that the FBI have no authority to engage in COINTELPRO-type activities, which are precluded by the present AG guidelines governing the FBI's domestic security investigations.

Our observations concerning the OPR report on our security investigation of King are set forth in the attached letter to the AG.

PUBLICLY RELEASABLE REPORT: Per the request of the OPR, we have been assisting the Task Force in its preparation of a report it intends to make public concerning the King investigation which is protective of privacy rights, sensitive sources and classification concerns.

PRIVACY ACT: The Freedom of Information - Privacy (FOIPA) Branch pointed out to the Task Force its chief suggestion was to delete all names of Agents mentioned in the report below the level of Assistant Director based on possible invasions of privacy or potential harm. Although the Task Force appeared to be sympathetic to our arguments, they pointed out that names of many of the Agents involved in the investigation were revealed in the news media and by the Senate Select Committee.



FOTPA Branch then raised on a page by page basis areas where it saw possible privacy consideration, including members of the Memphis Police Department and Fire Department, fellow inmates of Ray, and other individuals mentioned in the report. It was pointed out to the Task Force that we would be making releases in response to FOIA requests and would like to achieve some degree of consistency between their report and releases we were making.

In some instances they agreed with our observations. In others, they pointed out the particular individual and his involvement in the case was publicly known. In response to other points raised, they indicated they would take them under advisement.

CLASSIFICATION: By letter dated 1/12/77, the OPR instructed the Task Force's report and appendices were to be classified "Top Secret" and that the FBI designate persons to classify these materials and to assist the Task Force in preparing a publicly-releasable report.

The Bureau's Document Classification Officer (Security Officer), assisted by the former Martin Luther King security case supervisor and the current case supervisor of the sensitive sources who were involved in the King security investigation, were appointed for this purpose. It was agreed with Mr. Snaheen of the OPR that as the report represented a Department effort, it would be classified by the Attorney General based on the recommendations of the Document Classification Officer (DCO) and those assisting him. On 1/17/77, the DCG and his assistants furnished a representative of the Department Security Office paragraph-by-paragraph classifications for the report and its Appendices A and B. The DCO also assisted the Department Security Office in affixing proper classification markings to the report. Consultations by the DCO with the OPR on 1/17/77, determined that Mr. Shaheen at 4 o'clock on that date would furnish a copy of the "Top Secret" report to Senator James O. Eastland and Congressman Peter Rodino, both of whom chair committees with oversight responsibilties. Mr. Shaheen advised DCO it was his understanding the Senator and Congressman were being entrusted with this report, that it was for their perusal alone, and would be returned to the Department upon completion of their review. Shaheen also advised a copy of the report had been offered Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, but he refused the invitation to immediately review the report based upon pending commitments.



On the morning of 1/18/77, the DCO and those assisting him met with the Task Force and considered paraphrasing all classified portions of the report to enable preparation of a releasable public report. Paraphrasing was necessary to protect extremely sensitive sources who have furnished information regarding King's communist associates. While all classification standards were invoked, the DCO has concern that public release of the report, even in its paraphrased form, could through logical speculation be detrimental to the security The Task Force and the DCO differed on three of our sources. pages of the sanitized report relating to a sensitive technique effected on a communist associate of King's. impasse was reached and the DCO stated he would not declassify and if the Task Force objected, they could refer the matter to the Department Review Committee (DRC), which has overall responsibility for classifications within the Department. The DRC Chairman refused to call a special meeting but agreed to discuss the classification dispute at its regular meeting at 3 p.m. At the regular DRC meeting, the Criminal Division representative to the DRC challenged the Task Force as to its use of the work "illegal" in describing a national security surreptitious entry. The DRC indicated although it was not going to make a decision regarding the legality of such techniques, it believed the issue of illegality was debatable and had not been resolved as Department policy. concurred generally with the arguments relating to classification presented by the FBI DCO, and the Task Force agreed to attempt to further paraphrase and sanitize the three pages in question. This was done immediately and the DCO approved the sanitized paraphrased version prepared by the Task Force as unclassified. Chairman of the Task Force indicated he would clear final version of sanitized report through Bureau and desired concurrence in its release by Mr. Adams' office.

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U. S. Attorney MACON WEAVER telephonically contacted SAC this date and indicated that he had received a telephone call from EAPL MORGAN, District Attorney, who had been in conference with Commissioner COOPER CREEN. MORGAN stated that he wished to know why Birmingham was chosen as the place in which the complaint was filed charging CALT with violation of the Civil Rights Statute.

WEAVER advised him that he did not know the answer to the question, but he would call Attorney Concral RAMSAY CLARK in Washington and attempt to get an answer for him. WEAVER said he spoke to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General indicated that he did authorize prosecution of GALT; however, he was not aware where the process was to be filed since that was the decision for FBI officials. He further advised WEAVER that he assumed that Birmingham was chosen because it was a place where the first overt act of conspiracy occurred.

WEAVER conveyed this information to Mr. MORCAN, and WEAVER stated that MORGAN appeared to be satisfied. Mr. WEAVER indicated that MORGAN's prime concern was that the filing of the process in Birmingham would result in Birmingham obtaining a bad reputation.

This information telephonically given to Supervisor McGOWAN at the Bureau.

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SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 6, 1976.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

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SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;

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1 - Mr. Adams 1 - Mr. Mintz

1 - Mr. Gallagher

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1 - Mr. Deegan

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOR INFORMATION CHARLOTTE, THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) TASK FORCE HAS BEEN REVIEWING OUR SECURITY INVESTIGATION AND OUR INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PERSONNEL ADVISED THAT THEY INTEND TO INTERVIEW SEVERAL FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS. THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH ASCERTAINING WHY CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS AND ACTIONS WERE ISSUED FROM FEIHQ TO THE FIELD AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SUPERVISION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR., INVESTIGATIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO INTERVIEW ARBOR W. GRAY. 7344 70 304 WEST 15TH STREET, WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, 27889; PHONE NUMBER (919) 946-2678.

CHARLOTTE SHOULD ADVISE ARBOR W. GRAY THAT OPR PERSONNELL WILL BE CONTACTING HIM CONCERNING AN INTERVIEW AND FURNISH HIM WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: HE IS RELEASED

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IN ADDITION, GRAY SHOULD BE ADVISED HE IS NOT TO ANSWER
ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF ANY INFORMANTS
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NOTE:

On 12/16/76, the OPR Task Force which has been reviewing our investigations of King since 5/10/76, advised they intend to interview a total of 13 present and former Bureau officials. Interviews of present and former personnel is in accordance with the Attorney General's instructions pertaining to the King review. This matter has been coordinated with the Legal Counsel Division and above instructions being sent to the field at the suggestion of the Legal Counsel Division.

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SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Training Memorandum from J. G. Deegan to R. J. Gallagher dated 12-17-76 indicated writer is 1 of 13 present and former Bureau

officials and Agents whom the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility Task Force (OPRTF) desired to interview concerning the King investigation.

On 12-28-76 starting at approximately 3:15 p.m., I was interviewed by James Kieckhefer of the OPRTF. The interview was concerning the Division 6 investigation of the Martin Luther King assassination, known in the Bureau as the Murkin investigation. I was interviewed for approximately 1 1/2 hours and it concerned itself primarily with the administrative aspects of the handling of the case. I responded to all questions posed by Mr. Kieckhefer, and he particularly wanted to know if 2 Agents from Division 5 were cognizant, of the investigation. I responded I did not specifically know, however, it would not be uncommon for Agents of an interested division to review the results of an investigation.

I was the case Agent of the investigation from Headquarters and supervised it until my reassignment to the Inspection Division in July, 1969. Mr. Kieckhefer stated that it may be necessary to interview me again, and I advised him that I would cooperate in any manner he desired.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Adams

1 - Mr. Gallagher 1 - V. R. Thornton

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,

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FROM:

SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-7259) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype, 8/6/76.

The following cost data is being submitted per referenced teletype.

> I. Manpower

> > None

Unusual Costs

None

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RE BUREAU NITEL TO ALL SACS, AUG.

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SA EDGAR H. HORTON, GS-12, STEP 2, THREE HOURS NO UNUSUAL COSTS INCURRED IN THE DETROIT DIVISION DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

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: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-12138)

DATE:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW: COST DATA

Remylet 12/1/76.

Bureau nitel 8/16/76 requested the following information:

- 1) Manpower - none.
- Unusual cost none.

Future report in this matter will be submitted in 30 days.



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

RE BUREAU NITEL, AUGUST 6, 1976, AND COLUMBIA TELETYPE
TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 15, 1976.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN BUREAU NITEL AUGUST 6, 1976, THE FOLLOWING STATISTICAL INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976:

- 1. MANPOWER UTILIZATION: NONE
- 2. UNUSUAL COST: NONE INCURRED.

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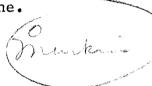
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Bureau nitel, 8/6/76. RE:

Manpower: None.

2. Unusual Costs: None.



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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA; DECEMBER, 1976.

I. MANPOWER: AGENT: JOSEPH P. MC CABE, GRADE 13, STEP 9,

TIME SPENT - 3 HOURS. AGENT: WALTER A. BOYLE, GRADE 13,

STEP 10, TIME SPENT - 6 HOURS.

2. NO UNUSUAL COSTS INCURRED. FOR

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ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM

:SAC, BIRMINGHAM (100-4896) (C)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel, 8/6/76.

In accordance with referenced nitel, the following is set forth:

1. MANPOWER

SA C. B. STANBERRY GS-13, Step 10

Hours Spent: 3

SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN

GS-13, Step 9

Hours Spent: 12

Total Hours: 15

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2. Unusual Costs: None

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BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,

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SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

PERIOD ENDING 12/31/76

Re Bureau teletype to All SAC's, 8/6/76, and Anchorage letter to the Bureau, 12/1/76.

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1. Manpower

None.

Unusual Cost

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Director, FBI

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Budget and Accounting Section -Finance and Personnel Division)

From:

SAC, Savannah (100-5591)

Re:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

COST DATA

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Re Bureau tels, 8/6/76, 10/5/76, and Savannah airtel to Bureau, 12/2/76.

> MANPOWER: 1.

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None

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2. UNUSUAL COSTS:

None

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(ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) (P)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA

ReButel to all SACs dated 8/6/76.

In compliance with request in referenced communication, the following is being submitted.

During December, 1976, no costs concerning this matter were incurred by the Minneapolis Division, either in Category 1 or 2.

Minneapolis will submit next report regarding this matter for period 1/1-30/77 to reach the Bureau by the fifth workday of February, 1977, UACB.

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FROM:

SAC. PORTLAND (157-380) (Pt) RUC

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

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

For period 12/1 through 12/31/76 Manpower:

None

2. Unusual Costs:

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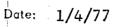
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| FROM: | SAC, HONOLULU (157-131) (RUC) |
| SUBJECT: | MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA |
| 7/29/76. | Re Bureau nitels to all SACs, 8/6/76, 7/30/76, and |
| matter by | As requested in re nitel dated 8/6/76, the followis supplied as reflecting activity in captioned the Honolulu Division through the period 12/1-31/76 |
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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

ATTN: BUDGET & ACCOUNTING SECTION -

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

SAC, HOUSTON (100-10148) (P)

FROM,
SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

COST DATA

Re Houston letter, dated 12/1/76.

The following December, 1976, data being submitted in accordance with previous instructions:

(1) Manpower - None

(2) Unusual Costs - None

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9838)

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SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;

COST DATA

Re San Antonio letter to the Bureau, 12/3/76.

The San Antonio Division has no cost data information to report for December 1976.

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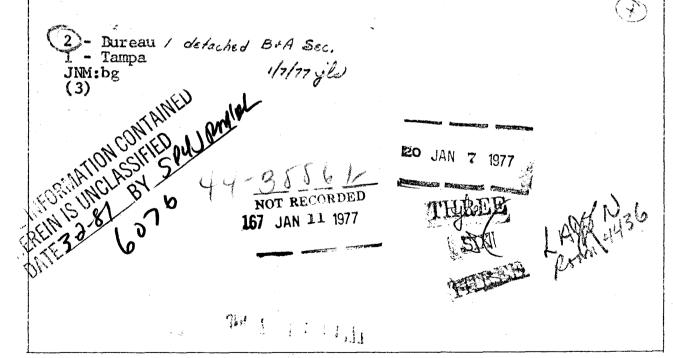
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)(RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA

ReButel 8/6/76.

Following data submitted re costs at Tampa 12/1/76 through 12/31/76:

- 1. Manpower none.
- 2. Unusual Costs none.



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