

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JAMES H. LESAR,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 77-0692

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

Defendant.

SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF
MICHAEL E. SHAHEEN, JR.

I, Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., am the head of the United States Department of Justice Office of Professional Responsibility, with the title, "Counsel on Professional Responsibility." The following statements are made upon personal knowledge and information made available to me in the course of my official duties.

1. On February 1, 1978, I executed a previous affidavit, which was filed in the above-captioned civil action on that same date. As was indicated in this previous affidavit, I am generally familiar both with this Freedom of Information Act action and with those documents sought by plaintiff which are presently in the custody of the Office of Professional Responsibility.

2. As was further indicated at pages three and nine of my previous affidavit, certain segments of these documents were withheld from plaintiff on the grounds that they were of such character that their disclosure was barred by a Court Order issued by Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr. in the consolidated cases of Lee v. Kelley, Civil No. 76-1185 and Southern Christian Leadership Conference v. Kelley, Civil No. 76-1186 (D.D.C. 1977) (attached hereto as "Attachment A"). Such withholdings were identified on the expurgated documents released to

plaintiff and filed with the Court by the designation "C.O." placed in the margin of these documents.

3. It is my understanding that there recently arose a question concerning the propriety of withholding such segments of information absent specific determinations that they are individually exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

4. Consequently, each and every such segment of information heretofore withheld pursuant to this Court Order has now been individually reviewed and reprocessed under the Freedom of Information Act.

5. Upon such review and reprocessing, it has been determined that the vast majority of these segments are of such character that their disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and that no countervailing public interest in their disclosure exists. In most instances, this information pertains to the personal life of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and as such involves the privacy interests of Dr. King and his family. In the remaining instances, the information pertains to personal matters of those who were associated or connected with Dr. King in a personal or professional context. All such segments, constituting the totality of all segments heretofore withheld pursuant to the "C.O." designation with the exception of those segments described below, are now withheld on personal privacy grounds pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(7)(C).

6. The remaining segments of information heretofore withheld pursuant to the "C.O." designation were found not to be of such character that their disclosure would constitute

an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. These segments comprise portions of fifty-two different pages of the documents at issue and, with the exception of those segments further described below, they are hereby disclosed to plaintiff through the attachment to this affidavit of an expurgated copy of each of these fifty-two pages ("Attachment B").

7. There remains one additional group of segments which, upon reprocessing, is neither withheld on privacy grounds as described in paragraph five, above, nor is hereby disclosed to plaintiff as described in paragraph six. These segments, which appear on fifteen different document pages, are those which do not contain personal privacy information yet nevertheless constitute the contents of certain conversations (of a non-personal, mostly political nature) among Dr. King and his personal and professional associates which were electronically recorded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation between 1963 and 1968. Because of Judge Smith's Court Order prohibiting any departmental disclosure of the "contents" of such conversations (see "Attachment A" at page four), I am prohibited from disclosing this information. Accordingly, these segments, each of which appears on one or another of the fifty-two pages upon which information is otherwise disclosed, continue to be withheld from plaintiff and can be identified through the designation "Court Order" which appears where appropriate in the margin of the expurgated documents attached to this affidavit.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 30, 1978


MICHAEL E. SHAHEEN, JR.

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BERNARD S. LEE,

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Civil Action

No. 76 - 1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE,

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Defendants

Civil Action

No. 76 - 1186

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Bernard Lee, former assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headed by Dr. King until his death in 1968, are suing Clarence Kelley, Cartha DeLoach, William Sullivan, John Mohr (executor of the estate of Clyde Tolson), and two unknown (and unserved) FBI agents for violation of rights guaranteed them under the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Specifically, Lee alleges that defendants surreptitiously tape-recorded his conversations in a room at the Willard Hotel in 1963 and that a copy of the tape was sent to Mrs. King in 1964. He further contends that other of his conversations have unlawfully been recorded since that time.

~~DeLoach, Sullivan, Mohr, et al.~~
Attachment A

including some after the enactment, in 1968, of Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, 18 U.S.C. §§2510-2520. SCLC complains that, "beginning in 1963 and ending in the Fall of 1968", defendants eavesdropped on the conversations of the organization's employees. It too contends that recordings of these conversations have been made available to the news media and others outside the FBI. Both plaintiffs seek money damages and request that all records of the monitored conversations be destroyed or impounded.

Defendants' Motions to Dismiss, now before the Court, raise several substantial defenses. However, in view of the fact that the Court now finds the damage claims to be barred by the statute of limitations, consideration of the other defenses is pretermitted.

When suing either under Rivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), or under Title III, plaintiffs are governed by the most analogous statute of limitations of the state in which the Court sits: Holmberg v. Armbrecht, 327 U.S. 392, 395 (1946); Johnson v. Railway Express Agency, Inc., 421 U.S. 454 (1975); Ernst & Ernst v. Hochfelder, 44 U.S.L.W. 4451 4459n.29 (1976); Forrestal Village, Inc. v. Graham, No. 76-1314 (D.C.Cir. January 13, 1977). In this case, the three-year District of Columbia statute controls. Pub.L. 89-241, 77 Stat. 509, 12 D.C. Code §301(8). The statute began to run when plaintiffs actually discovered, or in the exercise of due diligence should have discovered, the operative facts of the cause of action. See Lewis v. Denison, 2 App.D.C.

327 (1894); Holsberg v. Ambrecht, supra.

Starting in the mid-1960s and reaching a peak in 1968 and 1969, at the time of former Attorney General Robert Kennedy's campaign for the Presidency and thereafter, the nation's leading newspapers were rife with accounts of buggings of Dr. King. See Exhibit A to Federal Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. Under these circumstances, plaintiffs' avowal that they had no knowledge of the source of the tapes until the 1975 report by the Senate Select Committee on the FBI is not well taken. Accordingly, the motions to dismiss the amended complaints are granted.

With reference to the custody of the intercepted conversations, an inventory of all such records shall be presented to the Court, and the records themselves shall be turned over, under seal, to the Archivist of the United States. See 44 U.S.C. §2101 et seq.

Therefore, it is by the Court this 3/2nd day of January 1977.

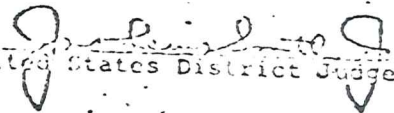
ORDERED that the Motions by defendants Clarence M. Kelley, Cartha DeLoach, William C. Sullivan and John P. Mohr to dismiss the Amended Complaints be; and the same hereby are, granted; and it is further

ORDERED that, within ninety (90) days of the date of the entry of this Order, the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall assemble at its headquarters in Washington, D.C., all known copies of the recorded tapes, and transcripts thereof, resulting from the FBI's microphonic surveillance, between 1963 and 1968, of the plaintiffs' former president, Martin

Luther King, Jr.; and all known copies of the tapes, transcripts and logs resulting from the FBI's telephone wire-tapping, between 1963 and 1968, of the plaintiffs' offices in Atlanta, Georgia and New York, New York, the home of Martin Luther King, Jr., and places of public accommodation occupied by Martin Luther King, Jr.; and it is further

ORDERED that at the expiration of the said ninety (90) day period, the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall deliver to this Court under seal an inventory of said tapes and documents and shall deliver said tapes and documents to the custody of the National Archives and Records Service, to be maintained by the Archivist of the United States under seal for a period of fifty (50) years; and it is further

ORDERED that the Archivist of the United States shall take such actions as are necessary to the preservation of said tapes and documents but shall not disclose the tapes or documents, or their contents, except pursuant to a specific Order from a court of competent jurisdiction requiring disclosure.


United States District Judge

Memphis Field Office File 100-4105
Serials 69-87

69-70 Seen in Sanitation Strike File

71-72 Same as above

73 Tele reports [redacted] King to return to Memphis 4-2-68 (b)(2)
to lead big march Friday 4-5-68

74 Reports say source says ministers will not abandon King
for leaving 3-20 march after violence erupted.

75 LHM 4-2-68 reports progress of racial tension - shooting
of female looter 3-28. BOP, etc.

76 Airtel sending LHM

77 LHM from [redacted] on Kings and Levison's resignation
78 effect of violence in Memphis and how to counter it (b)(2)

79 Memo 4-2-68

80 Sanitation Workers Strike file memo 4-3-68 refers to (b)(7)(D)
[redacted] coming of King on 4-2-68 for 4-5 march

81 Airtel on above

82 Sanitation Workers file memo 4-4-68 about attempts to
enjoin King's further mass marches

83 Airtel on same

84 LHM 4-2-68 on King's concern over 3-28 riots

85 Airtel on same city NY sources [redacted] and [redacted] (b)(2)

86-87 Memo and Airtel expect King to arrive 4-2-68

Attachment B

Source: 100-5586 MLK Security
Atlanta Field Office

Section: 46

Serials: 4060-4200

- 1966 -

This volume reflects King's movements
with Levisen, Wachtel, etc. the Chicago campaign
conversations (b)(7)(c)

4190 Paris flight

MLK Security File
ATL Field Office 100-5586
Volume 49 (Serials 4411-4515)

4493

Memo from SA [REDACTED] to SAC AT dtd 5/16/66
reporting conversation between R. T. Blackwell
and Vernon Jordan. Source [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(C)

(b)(2)

Atlanta
11/9/76
Volume 50

100-5586
MLK Security
Serials 4516-4662

4521 5/23/66
AGS to SAC

[REDACTED] conversation with [REDACTED]

b(2)

4532 Miami to Director 5/23/66

RLO

Discussion of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bu knows of plan; Miami P.O. says in its contact w/ the Sheriff's office, it STATES it is not condoning or requesting METHODS utilized in obtaining this type of information.

(b)(7)(c)

(b)(7)(c)

Nevertheless, it has knowledge.

4564 Miami to Director 6/3/66

RLO:jkj

rebuairtel to Miami dated 5/27/66 requesting Miami to submit a revised LHM omitting information re [REDACTED] as set out in reMM LHM.

b(7)(c)

Source: 100-5718 COMINFIL SCLC

Section: 5

Serials: 361-422

361 Airtel on voter registration discussion
overheard of [redacted]

362 [redacted]

b7(c)

365 [redacted]

(b)(1)

377 Memo Nichols to SAC Ael 1/21/62
taps disclose: [redacted]

Court Order

(b)(1)(c)

378 Another ditto memo - [redacted]

Court Order


b7(c)

385

Classified by 115 5/16/77
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite

SCLC
ATL 100-5718
Serials 1161-1214
Section 16

1182

 reports King changing residences on 4/12/65

b(2)

Source: 100-5718 COMINFIL SCLC
Atlanta Field Office

Section: 17

Serials: 1215-1290

- 1237 Memo Nichols to SAC 5/5/68
records overheard conversation
by [REDACTED] b7(c)
- 1216 Memo Nichols to SAC 4/28/65 - overheard,
conversations [REDACTED] zolk King (b)(7)(c)
to [REDACTED] said [REDACTED]] Court
Order
- 1215 Bur to Atl 4/27/65 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)
reports about SCLC [REDACTED]
Urges
Atl to be alert to friction between King
and Abernathy (promoted by Blackwell)
for possible counterintelligence use
- ²
1150 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

Source: 100-5718 COMINFIL SCLC
Atlanta Field Office

Section: 34

Serials: 3072-3224

3072

This file opens with a [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED]

(b)(7)(D)

3092

[REDACTED]

(b)(7)(D)

3149

Levison interested in and exercises
some supervision over direct mail
solicitation

3161

[REDACTED] memo 3/16/66 - King instructs

(b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED]

Court Order

Source: 100-6670A CIRM
Atlanta Field Office

Section: 12

Serials: 826-925

925)
924) [REDACTED] memos on overhearings
923)

b7(c)

905)
904)
903) [REDACTED] memos on overhearings
902)
901)

b7(c)

Source: 100-6670B CIRM
Atlanta Field Office

Section: B1 ELSUR loss on King's residence,
[REDACTED] (9/5/64 - 4/9/65)

b(2)

Source: 100-6670C CIRM

Atlanta Field Office

Section: C1-C10

ELSUR logs on BCLC
From 9/4/64 until
6/21/66 (Ten Sections)

Source: 100-6520C CPUSA Negro Question
Atlanta Field Office

Sections: C1-C4 ELSUR logs on SCLC
in Atlanta from 11/12/63
until 9/3/64

Source: 100-6520B CPUSA-Negro Question
Atlanta Field Office

Section: B ELSUR logs of [REDACTED]
from 11/12/63 until 9/2/64

b(2)

Atlanta Field Office
MLK-Racial Matters 157-400
Volume 3 (Serials 266-350)

293

Memo from SA [redacted] to SAC [redacted] dtd 1/5/55 re:
conversation between King and his wife regarding

[redacted] source

(b)(7)(c)
Court Order
b(2)

620 9/3/65 Bu requests L.A. to discretely determine the full identity of [redacted] and furnish to and Atlanta this information together w/the results of indices check. This is apparently because MLK and [redacted] were in telephonic communication re [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

625 9/14/65 [redacted] on MLK's 8/17 - 20/65 visit to L.A. (b)(7)(C) (X7D)

634 9/24/65 L.A. advises Bu & N.O. that it will maintain its close liason w/ [redacted] on Lomax & MLK (b)(7)(D)

637 9/21/65 [redacted], provided phone # that MLK called while he stayed at the Intn'l Hotel 7/8 - 12/65 (b)(7)(D)

[Large redacted block] (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(D) (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(D)

644 9/27/65 [redacted] take no action which would cause embarrassment to the Bu. (b)(7)

645 9/30/65 [redacted] Bu reiterates the caution that inquiries in NY must be (b)(7)

most discreet and no action taken
which would cause embarrassment to
Bu

646 10/1/65

SA [redacted] makes a 10/1/65 (b)7(C)
discreet inquiry at [redacted] (b)(7)(C)
under pretext [redacted] (b)(7)(C)
in order to gain information on
whereabouts of [redacted]

647 10/1/65

SAS of NYO conducted a surveillance in the
American Hotel lobby which revealed MLK's
presence but not that of [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

648 10/6/65

[redacted] checked the
Vital Statistics Records, Co. Recording
Office, L.A. certificate No. [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

653 10/13/65

Director to SAC [redacted] 10/6/65 airtel
reported [redacted] (b)(7)(C)
[redacted]
Communication
given "need-to-know" priority handling.

654 10/18/65

LA SAC to Director [redacted] (b)(7)
On mailing list of Nat'l Lawyers Guild in
1951, and possibly a member [redacted] (b)(7)
[redacted]
were recruited into CP but not registered CP
member in 1944.

George Norman Rockwell
CORE - Floyd B. McKissick
SNCC - Stokely Carmichael

IC = Investigative clk

Source: 100-106670 (MLK Security)
Bureau HQ File

Section: 4

Serials: 131-165

132 (b)(2)
Memo to Belmont from Rosen dated 5/31/63
[redacted]. Levison and King discuss
King's proposed conference with President
and AG concerning civil rights movement.
NOTE: Hoover personally telephoned AG
substance of conversation

** 132X2 } Court Order
Levison and King discuss utilization of
mass demonstration; [redacted]
[redacted] said King. NOTE:
Hoover signs "expedite", referring to
recommendation that AG and White House
be informed

** 132X2
Report from New York for Levison, King,
et al., discussion on civil rights movement
and action with respect to President

133
Memo to AG from Director dated 6/12/63, re
132X2, above. By [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

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(Unrecorded means no serial number this file.)

134
Report to AG from Director dated 6/7/63 concerning
Levison, King conversation re "Saturday Evening
Post" article re King and O'Dell. By [redacted] b7C

0
Unrecorded. Galley proofs of "Saturday Evening
Post" article

*** 0
Actually 138, below.
Airtel to Director from SAC, New York
dated 6/13/63. (b)(1)

[Large redacted block]

Classified by 40
Exempt from 2
Date 5/12/77

Source: 100-106670 (MLK Security)
Bureau HQ File

Section: 7

Serials: 273-291

- 0 Unrecorded. Memo to Belmont from Sullivan 8/30/63, re Director's comments on memos when Castro took over Cuba to be compared with submitted memo on CPUSA, Negro question.
- 273 [REDACTED] (b)(1)
- 0 Unrecorded. Memo to Director from SAC, NY, 11/21/63, re meeting of King, Levison, Jones and Bernard Lee at International Hotel, Idlewild Airport
- 0 Unrecorded. Atl to Director 11/21/63, re King activities. [REDACTED] (b)(2)
- 0 Unrecorded. Levison and Jones discuss statement King should issue regarding President Kennedy's death. [REDACTED] (b)(2)
- 0 Unrecorded. Removed to June file. Memo dated 11/27/63. Administrative handling of tesurs
- * 0 Unrecorded. Memo to Sullivan from Baumgardner, 12/3/63, re King's reaction to President's death. King indicated he expects to get it sooner or later. As to police protection, King commented they wouldn't give it to him in the South. Also, memo considers disseminating King [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- * 277 Removed to June file. To Director from Atlanta, 11/27/63, list of tesurs:
- [REDACTED]-522-4596-residence of King (b)(2)
 - [REDACTED]-524-1378-SCLC
 - [REDACTED]-524-1379-SCLC
 - [REDACTED]-524-1370-SCLC
 - [REDACTED]-524-3151-unlisted number at SCLC

CLASSIFIED BY 6912 12/20/77
EXEMPT FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION INDEFINITE

of information obtained concerning racial activities, financial condition of SCLC, political thinking of officials of SCLC, contacts of King, information indicating King still receives advice and guidance from Levison, [REDACTED]

Unrecorded. Memo to Belmont from Sullivan, 12/24/63, re conference on CP influence on King

"Included in our discussion was a complete analysis of the avenues of approach aimed at neutralizing King as an effective Negro leader and developing evidence concerning King's continued dependence on communists for guidance and direction"

Attending: Assistant Director, W.C. Sullivan,
Inspector Joseph A. Sizoo,
Section Chief F.J. Baumgardner

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from Atlanta

Sullivan- "We have already developed information concerning weakness in his character, which of such a nature as to make him unfit to serve as a minister of the gospel... Field should continue to gather information concerning King's activities, such as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in order that we may consider using this information at an opportune time in a counterintelligence move to discredit him

As a result of conference, it was decided to develop additional information such as:

- 1) employees of SCLC and background
- 2) locate and monitor funds of SCLC
- 3) identify and check sources who contribute to SCLC
- 4) King's personal activities
- 5) "at the proper time when it can be done without embarrassment to the Bureau, expose King as an [REDACTED] opportunist who is not a sincere person but is exploiting the racial situation for personal gain"
- 6) explore possibility of utilizing additional specialized investigative techniques at the

Martin Luther King- Security
HQ 100-106670
Serials 386-405
Section 13

388 Atl Summary 5/26/64 (61pages)- [REDACTED]

0 Removed to June File. Memo 7/2/64 Baumgardner to Sullivan (written by [REDACTED] concerning Kings planned stay in Los Angeles beginning 7/8/64. Recommends extending tear coverage and authorizing misur coverage. States in this connection that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "... misur should be installed, if it can be done w/ full security, to gain further evidence of the activities of [REDACTED]

0 Removed to June File. Memo 7/7/64 Sizoo to Sullivan. Advising Sullivan that Sizoo approved misur at LA during phone call 7/7/64 from ASAC Oneguard advising that misur was feasible.

0 Not Recorded. 7/17/64 Baumgardner to Sullivan (written by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reptd that King said US should pursue disarmament and suspension of nuclear tests. King spoke of the need for collectivism. Memo isolates these comments because they "follow the line of the CP." Attached to memo are letters to Walter Jenkins and memo to AG essentially relaying same information.

0 Removed to June File 7/10/64. Removed from June File to Deegans office. Deegan file revealed written summary of [REDACTED]. The cover memo indicated the summary was sent by SAC (W.G. Grapp/END) LA to Director/Attention Inspector Sizoo

0 Not Recorded. LHM and cover memo 7/1/64 from SAC (NY) To Director [REDACTED] revealed that Clarence Jones attended speech by Malcolm X and was impressed by his speech. [REDACTED] revealed that Jones spoke to Malcolm X and Jones offered assistance to X

Classified by 445 5/12/77
Exempt from automatic
Date of review
...nite

audience to such a [REDACTED]"

464

Changed to 100-439612-8

(b)(1)(c)

King Security File 100-106670
Section 17 (Serials 475-518)

479 UPI teletype dtd 9/18/64 indicating King to have private audience with Pope Paul VI. Hoover noted at bottom: "Astounding."

NR Memo from Baumgardner to Sullivan dtd 9/17/64 setting forth steps taken to prevent Pope from granting King an audience. (Asst. Dir. Malone of N.Y. briefed Cardinal Spellman on King [redacted])

(b)(7)(D)

NR Memo from Director to SAC, N.Y. re: info to the effect that King had dropped Levison as an advisor as a result of an exposure of their relationship by columnist Joseph Alsop. Advised to be alert as it may be expected that Levison will again find ways to furnish advice to King and such advice will be received and even sought by King.

480 Washington Post article dtd 10/6/64 stating that King is heavy favorite to win the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. Hoover noted beside article that: "King could not qualify for the [redacted] prize."

(b)(7)(C)

481 Memo from Baumgardner to Sullivan dtd 9/11/64 advising that King and his advisors are working on an article for publication in "the Saturday Evening Post" concerning the poverty bill, elections, riots and the so-called "backlash"! Noted that it would be well to prevent publication of King's views because of communist influence on him. Stated that on prior occasion, when Bureau had advance notice, publication of article was prevented. Matter was handled by [redacted] who had a contact at "the Saturday Evening Post."

(b)(7)(C)

NR Source for LHM dtd 10/8/64 is [redacted], re: contact of Clarence Jones with Adele Kanter regarding trouble in SCLC's N.Y. Office.

(b)(2)

NR Airtel from Dir to SACs N.Y. and AT dtd 10/9/64 advising N.Y. Airtel 9/30/64 rept Levison being consulted by Jones concerning SCLC. Also Kanter was contacting Levison on an SCLC matter. Conclusion that Levison still being used as advisor to King even if only indirectly.

- 638 Airtel from Legat, London to Dir dtd 12/10/64 advising he personally furnished oral information concerning King to Ambassador Tibbetts, American Embassy, Oslo, as instructed.
- NR Memo from DeLoach to Mohr dtd 12/1/64 re: summary of meeting with [REDACTED] who interceded to prevent exposure of King. (b)(7)(C)
- 643 Memo from Baumgardner to Sullivan dtd 12/8/64 recommending that Governor Rockefeller be briefed on communist influence on King [REDACTED] Procedure approved by Hoover to have [REDACTED] [REDACTED] brief the Governor. (b)(7)(C)
- 647 Memo from Jones to DeLoach dtd 12/1/64 re: Background material (21 pages) on King for Hoover in connection with meeting with King. Contents include:
1. Biographical data
 2. Communist background and affiliations
 3. [REDACTED] of King (b)(7)(C)
 4. King's criticism of Hoover and FBI
 5. Organization of the current attack against FBI by King.
 6. Attempts to contact King
 7. FBI accomplishments in civil rights field.
- 651 Airtel from SAC AT to Dir dtd 12/22/64 re: conversation between King and [REDACTED] Source: [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
(b)(2)

Source: 100-106670 (MLK Security)
Bureau HQ File

Section: 24

Serials: 840-920

- 844 San Diego to Director, 2/11/65, background on [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 846 Director to AT, Chicago and NY, 2/15/65 concerning discussion between [REDACTED] and King about [REDACTED] who has information [REDACTED] "with regard to [REDACTED]" Determine identity of [REDACTED] and all available information. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C) Court Order (b)(7)(C)
- 848 AT to Director, 2/10/65 [REDACTED] of Paramount Pictures stated he wanted to make film of integration movement with King's life as a basis (b)(2) (b)(7)(C)
- 849 Baumgardner to Sullivan, 2/4/65, concerning [REDACTED] activities of King and how he is hurting the civil rights movement. By [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 854 Director to Milwaukee, 2/17/65, re [REDACTED] who alleges King met with communists while in Norway. Contact for specific information. By [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 0 Threat against King in Alabama, 2/11/65
- 0 Threat against King in Kansas City, 2/16/65
- 858 Director to AT and NY, re King and Jones discuss forthcoming speeches which [REDACTED] (Levison) could work on. Factually establish any assistance rendered by Levison. By [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C) Court Order (b)(7)(C)
- 859 Director to AT and NY, 2/18/65, re [REDACTED] who has had prior communist front connections. Establish relationship with SCLC. By [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

[redacted] King talks with [redacted] (b)(2)
[redacted] in NY and with [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

0 A. Jones to DeLoach, 2/24/65, re Elder Michaux's sermon in support of Hoover and against King

893 LA to Director, 2/22/65, [redacted] (b)(2)
(tesur on People's World); King coming to LA

** 894 Director to AT, 2/24/65; in order to avoid any allegations being made against the Bureau, particularly from Atlanta Police Department, all contacts with AT PD re King on a most discreet and circumspect basis. By [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

896 AT to Director, 2/18/65, [redacted] (b)(2)
[redacted] (b)(7)(C), discuss Hoover's attack on King and that he was out to destroy his image. She was thankful they had friends with Police Department

0 Threat against King, 2/22/65

899 Director to Newark, etc., 2/24/65, re firm in Kenilworth, New Jersey, to sponsor King radio show. Identify firm. By [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

900 AT to Director, 2/15/65, [redacted] (b)(2)
King will speak to two Jewish organizations in NY; King advised Jones that "[redacted]": (Levison) could work on Court Order speeches

901 Newark to Director, 2/26/65, Pharmco, Inc., in Kenilworth, NJ, is firm to sponsor King radio show

** 0 NY to Director, 2/24/65, [redacted] (b)(2)
Jones and Levison discuss relationship of King and Wachtel and King's over dependence on Wachtel. [redacted] (b)(7)(C)
[redacted]
Jones and King discuss Wachtel

904 AT to Director, 2/23/65, [redacted] (b)(2)
Ed Clayton and [redacted] discuss (b)(7)(C)
King radio show. Pharmco does not want

Headquarters
100-106670

- 1002 Cleveland to Director
MLK itinerary in Cleveland
- 1003 Director to Mobile and Atlanta 3/17/65
SFP:gem
Chgo P.D. rec'd anonymous telephone call issuing threat on MLK's life.
Policy of Bu, UACB, for threats vs MLK:
At. P.D. is to be advised; it covers permanent residence of MLK also, local law enforcement agency covering area where threat is to be carried out should be advised. MLK and his representatives are not to be advised.
- 1004 L.A. to Director 3/3/65 (b)(2)
1) [REDACTED]
LKD:gjk
threats against MLK while he was in L.A.
- 1005 Director to NY 3/19/65 (b)(7)(c)
[REDACTED] identify [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This makes (b)(7)(c)
it most desirable, if not imperative, that Bu f.d. [REDACTED]
- 1006 Citizen letter w/ Bu reply. See 997
- 1007 WFO to Director 3/13/65
JB:mrh
threat vs. MLK
- 1008 Chgo to Director 3/8/65
JCS:knh
threat vs. MLK
- N.R. LA to Director 3/12/65
H LG: slb
1) [REDACTED] (b)(2)
2) [REDACTED]
Demonstrations protesting Viet Nam War.

1016 Chgo to Director 3/17/65
threats vs. MLK.

1017 Citizen letter to MLK no threat.

N.R. Atlanta to Director 3/22/65
RRN:elt

1) [REDACTED]
2) [REDACTED]

(b)(2)

S-1 advised re: conversation between MLK and
H. Belafonte 3/19/65. They discussed James
Forman, Exec. Sec. of SNCC, and MLK said he

Court order

N.R. At to Director 3/18/65
states Coretta King will earn \$20,000 from her
tours and concerts.

1018 Chgo to Director 3/17/65
threat to MLK

1019 Atlanta to Director 3/19/65
RRN:cb
Finances of SCLC

1020 Director to Savannah 3/18/65
AJP:CHS
MLK threat

1021 Savannah to Director 3/18/65
MLK threat

1022 Milwaukee to Director 3/17/65
Anti-black telegram

1023 Citizen letter

1024 Dugan File: Sullivan to Belmont, 12/2/64
Addendum of DeLoach 12/10/64

Discusses sensitive coverage of MLK during '64.
Summarizes the incidents of coverage; notes
of reels of tape and approx. listening time;
indicates what has and will be transcribed
from tapes.

N.R.

Airtel & LHM on 4/19/65 on Rustin -
Young conversation

1269

Tele 4/17/65 - Rustin overheard
discussing King's physical condition
and says fatigue

... during periods of
intense fatigue

" (b) (7) (c)

Bureau agent recommends ~~Farmer~~ be discreetly notified

DeLoach to Mohr, 4/19/65, re meeting with James Farmer, regarding Eugene Tournour, CP member, and his attempts to oust Farmer from leadership in CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) No mention of King. Farmer praised Bureau's efforts in civil rights movement

Hoover: "Let he saw fit to demand my removal from office when I called King a liar and proved it. I have nothing but contempt for Farmer."

0 Morrell to DeLoach, 4/20/65, re meeting with Congressman William L. Dickinson

0 NY to Director, 4/30/65, [redacted] (b)(2)
King contacted Jones re assistance on speech from "[redacted]" (Levison) Court Order

1310 Threat against King, 5/3/65, in North Carolina

1311, AT to Director, 4/29/65, [redacted] (b)(2)
1314 [redacted] King desires assistance from Jones and Levison on material for his presentation at bar association in Pennsylvania

1312 Threat against King by KKK for \$100,000 in North Carolina, 5/4/65

1313 Citizen letter and response NOTE: Hoover made statement that King was a "notorious liar" at the Women's Press Conference on 11/18/64

1315 Background on [redacted], 5/5/65 (b)(7)(C)

1316 LA to Director, 5/7/65, background on [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

1317 Removed to June file. Director to NY, 5/7/65, re report on NYC Police Department's interest in King for security purposes of technical surveillance by Bureau. By [redacted] (b)(7)(C)

- 1481 Baumgardner to Sullivan, 6/8/65, re threat against King in Bogalusa, La. By [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 1488 NY to Director, 6/14/65, report on King's health. Doctor felt King's condition due to fatigue. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 0 NY to Director, 6/11/65, [REDACTED] Jones and Levison discuss going to SCLC meeting of leaders in Virginia, 6/8-11/65 (b)(2)
- 0 NY to Director, 6/2/65, [REDACTED] Levison and Jones discussion re King. King approved [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 0 NY to Director, 6/15/65, [REDACTED] Jones and Levison discuss Wachtel's relationship with King and SCLC (b)(2)
- *** 0 Citizen letter where Bureau remarked that Hoover called King "the most notorious liar in the country" on 11/18/64 before the ladies of the press because King said most agents in the South are Southerners when actually 70% of agents assigned to Southern offices are from the North
- 1489 Letter to Marvin Watson, 6/17/65, re King's discussion with Goodwin of the White House concerning vacancy in the Fifth Circuit. (See, 1497)
- 1498 Threat against King in Bogalusa, La. one [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 1502 AT to Director, 6/18/65 [REDACTED] Liberian Government desirous of making an honorary award to King (b)(2)
- 1503 NY to Director, 6/18/65, report on [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

King Security
Section 45

- 1938 Airtel and LFM 10/7/65 overheard conversation between Young and [redacted] who is organizing a "peace movement" wants King there. Not likely.
- 1939 Cit. mail
- 1940 Airtel and LFM 10.8/65 on [redacted] contributions distribution of funds detailed by King.
- 1941 Memo 9/30/65 [redacted] is soliciting letters supporting King's Vietnam stand.
- 1942 Tele on schedule
- 1943 ditto
- 1944 Airtel and LFM 10/8/65 King-Young talk
- 1945 Airtel 10/6/65- King to speak in 3 places in Paris
- 1946 Airtel and LFM 10/11/65 itinerary NY Philly back to ATL
- 1947 [redacted]
FBI to check on [redacted]
- [redacted]
- 1948 Tele about a Gruening -Morse resolution to be offering in Senate that War in Vietnam is illegal and no drafter may be sent.
- 1949 Administrative about reporting.
- 1950 Airtel and LFM 10/11/65 King-[redacted] conversation about BUGS organization
- 1951 Airtel and LFM 10/8/65- Dept of Labor rep. wants King to meet German trade unions' Bopp to discuss civil rights.
- 1952 Airtel and LFM 10/8/65 Rustin-Young talk about King attending a turn toward peace meeting.
- 1953 Memo 10/11/65 Baumgardner to Sullivan on Jones-King talk about Gruening -Morse resolution. [redacted]

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- 1992 Changed to 62-110881-X2
- 1994 Search for background on [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 1995 Baumgardner to Sullivan, 10/25/65, re contribution by Governor Rockefeller to Ghandi Society. "It would appear as though the obvious political expediency which a donation by Rockefeller represents was to enticing for the Governor to pass up. We are disseminating to the Department the information about Rockefeller's donation." By [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 0 (C) Chicago to Director, 10/26/65, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)
- 0 AT to Director, 10/28/65, [REDACTED] re Young and Levison discuss King's recent trip to Europe (b)(2)
- 2002 Threat against King, 10/29/65, in Chicago (b)(7)(C)
- 2005 Director to AT, 11/4/65, re a [REDACTED] concerning King's signature to statement on Vietnam. By [REDACTED]
- 2006 AT to Director, 11/1/65, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 2008 Report for 2005, above
- 2009 AT to Director, 10/28/65, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
(b)(2)
- 0 NY to Director, 10/28/65, [REDACTED] Levison and Jones discuss King's European trip; Levison and Arnold Michaelis discuss Weather's affair and Michaelis desiring to meet King
- 2011 Threat against King, 10/28/65, in Mobile
- 2016 NY to Director, 10/30/65, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

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- 2282 Airtel & LHM 2/9/66 about King's newspaper column
- 2283 Airtel & LHM 2/9/66 King declines invitation
- N.R. Tele on SCLC meeting set for 2/12/66
- N.R. Airtel and LHM 2/12/66 King contacted Levison about meeting
- N.R. Airtel & LHM 2/11/66 on Levison's discussion of money
- 2284 Airtel & LHM 2/4/66 King going to NY & Chicago
- 2285 Airtel & LHM 2/11/66 King wants Levison's advice about attending Quill Memorial service
- 2286 Airtel 2/14/66 Atl to Bur. woman called King from San Diego
- 2287 King flies Chicago to Atl.
- 2288 Airtel & LHM on Chicago stay
- 2289 Airtel 2/9/66 Atl. to Bur.: [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- N.R. [REDACTED] (b)(1)
- N.R. Airtel & LHM - 2/18/66 on NAACP plans and one of these was to stop a Massachusetts based telephone recording vs. King.
- 2290 cit mail
- 2291 Airtel on [REDACTED]
- 2292 Airtel Atl to Bur 2/14/66 - Atl relays a [REDACTED] conversation and conjectures about the use of accumulated data for counter-intelligence. (b)(7)(C)
- 2293 trip data (b)(7)(C)
- 2294 Airtel 2/15/66 re return call request: [REDACTED]
- 2295 Memo to AG about letter received by King

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Section: 54

Serials: 2376-2417

2378 Threat against King, 3/19/66, in
Brookline, Massachusetts

2395 Baumgardner to Sullivan, 3/18/66,
[REDACTED] concerning statement
by King with assistance from
Wachtel regarding new civil rights
proposals by President Johnson

(b)(2)

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2396 AT to Director 3/3/66 [REDACTED]

(b)(2)

Also, memo from Director to AT and
Chicago, 3/24/66, re [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(c)

Chicago "should be alert for such
activities and any information developed
or suggestions for counterintelligence
activity should be promptly furnished
bureau."

(b)(7)(c)

2403 NY to Director 3/22/66, [REDACTED]

(b)(2)

[REDACTED] discuss King's
investing ten thousand dollars.

(b)(7)(c)

2411

[REDACTED] (b)(1)

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Bureau HQ File

Section: 55

Serials: 2418-2441

- 2420 NY to Director, 3/30/66, re [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)
- *** 2423 AT to Director, 3/24/68. Report on King [REDACTED] which is a summary of [REDACTED] which have been gathered "in (an) effort to capitalize from a possible counter-intelligence standpoint on a circumstance or series of circumstances." [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
(b)(7)(C)
- *** 2425 [REDACTED] (b)(1)
- 2429 AT to Director, 4/8/66. [REDACTED] (b)(2)
(b)(7)(C)
- 2431 Threat against King, 4/8/66, in Chicago by [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
- 2433 AT to Director, 4/5/66. [REDACTED] King and [REDACTED] conversation (b)(2)
(b)(7)(C)
- 0 NY to Director, 4/7/66, [REDACTED] Meeting of King, Levison, Young, Rustin, Cleveland and Robinson on 4/6/66 in NYC (b)(2)
- ** 2436 Legat, Paris, to Director, 4/1/66 regarding interview of [REDACTED] concerning the catastrophic appearance and activities of King and associates while in France (b)(7)(D)
- 2437 AT to Director, 4/6/66, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

1470 6/9/65 SAC At. to JEH- re: Chicago Rev. Carey-
contacts of 5/10 and 6/7 to SCLC re: preaching
at Carey's church by Vivan/Clayton.

1471 SAC At. 6/2/65- to JEH-

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has known King for a long time
[REDACTED] called from phone booth-

[REDACTED] told him (MLK) his source told him that
[REDACTED] -relates that

[REDACTED] said no leak from his organization

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KING SECURITY
NY 100-136585
SUB File 1-2

Sub 1 is the logs of the tesur coverage on the
SCLC office in NYC. Log indicates King's (SCLC) office
was burglarized on 1/22/64.

Sub 2 is the administrative file for the tesur
above [REDACTED] installed 10/24/63 and discontinued
1/24/64.

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New York Field Office
Levison Security (100-111180)
Volume 13
(Serials 1176-1265)

1188 Teletype from SAC N.Y. to Dir. dtd 5/31/63 rept
conversation between King and Levison wherein
Levison said

[REDACTED]

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1202

[REDACTED]

(b)(1)

1229 Memo from ASAC to SAC NY dtd 9/3/63 reporting telephone
call from Sec. Chief F.J. Baumgardner regarding conversation
of SDL describing King as a great leader and "man of the
hour." Baumgardner stated that because of King's position
of leadership in racial movement, coupled with his question-
able subversive associations [REDACTED]
bureau interested in receiving details bearing as matter.

b(7)(c)

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Source: 100-442529 CIRM
Section: 1
Serials: X-41

- X Memo (4/29/64) Sullivan to Belmont on Communist influence in Civil Rights activities & organizations, including SCLC & MLK. Construes MLK as [REDACTED] & "communist tool" due to relationship with Levison. (b)(7)(c)
- 3 New York office to Director 8/10/64 on contacts of Nat Schwerner indicates Wyatt Tee Walker, Executive Asst. to MLK in SCLC, attended fund raising affair for COFO.
- 5 New York office to Director & Atlanta that [REDACTED] advised 8/27/64 that MLK contacted [REDACTED] (b)(2)
(b)(7)(c)
- 5 Director to Atlanta 9/1/64 requesting identification of [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)
- 6 Atlanta to Director 8/18/64 that [REDACTED] revealed MLK conversation with [REDACTED] (b)(2)
[REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)
Conversation occurred 8/13/64.
- 10 Memo from Baumgardner to Sullivan 8/26/64 re [REDACTED]; conversation of MLK on 8/13/64 (b)(2)
- Insert .7 New York to Director 8/1/64 advising [REDACTED] tesur discontinued 7/13/64 due to (b)(2)
INSERT relocation of SCLC office
- 17 Director to New York 8/7/64 instructing review & re-evaluation of [REDACTED] to justify (b)(2)
retention in new SCLC office. NOTE states MLK under Communist Party influence via Clarence Jones.
- 18 New York to Director 8/18/64 [REDACTED] (b)(2)
[REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)
- 19 New York, to Director 8/31/64, [REDACTED] (b)(2)
discontinued 8/28/64

Source: 100-442529 CIRM
Section: 5
Serials: 137-190

- 140 Atlanta to Director 9/30/64. [redacted] (b)(2)
Advised that aids to MLK [redacted] made arrangements (b)(7)(C)
to send package to sister of unknown [redacted] MLK also contacted [redacted] Other (b)(7)(C)
[redacted] info on MLK travel plans & intended rest stay in hospital.
- 141 Atlanta to Director 9/29/64 re: [redacted] (b)(2)
Conversation between MLK & [redacted] 10/7/64
[redacted] (b)(7)(C)
- 148 Atlanta to Director 9/30/64
Personal info provided on [redacted] (b)(7)(C)
- 149 Memo, N.Y. Office 9/30/64 (b)(7)(C)
detailing contacts on 9/29/64 between Clarence Jones &
Stanley Levison in N.Y.C.
- 150 Baltimore to Director 10/1/64
advising local Holiday Inn would not identify caller to MLK
in late August, 1964
- 0 Savannah to Director 10/2/64
regarding SCLC national convention & MLK speech opposing
election of Goldwater, advocating non-violent protest.
- 154 Atlanta to Director 9/21/64
re: MLK travel plans after return from Europe 9/22/64
- 160 Director to New York 10/7/64
ordering (June Hall) discontinuance of [redacted] (b)(2)
- 163 [redacted] (b)(1)
- 0 Atlanta to Director re: [redacted] (b)(2)
information on MLK travel plans for Washington, D.C.-
Cincinnati Sept. 25-28.

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- 374 Atlanta to Director, 11/5/64. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Photos for
positive identification sent to NYO. (b)(7)(c)
- 377 Airtel, Atlanta to Director, 11/3/64. Per AT
[REDACTED] MLK told R. Abernathy that James Bevel (b)(2)
should resign for leading unauthorized Montgomery,
Ala. demonstration.
- 385 Airtel, New York to Director, 11/6/64. Summarizes
info from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (b)(2)
re contacts between C. Jones, S. Levison and MLK
on strategy plans etc.
- 386 Teletype, Atlanta to Director, 11/6/64 re: MLK
travel to Chicago [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)
- 390 Airtel, Atlanta to Director, 11/9/64 confirming
via [REDACTED] MLK's Chicago plans for Serial (b)(2)
386 above.

No# SEE 100-106670-555 LHM Atlanta 11/24

Mr. contacts [redacted] counseled [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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No# SEE 100-106670-544
DFBI to SAC Miami 11/25/64

[redacted]

(b)(7)(c)
(b)(7)(D)

No# SEE 100-106670-530
LHM Atlanta 11/16/
re: Young conversing w/individual
re: Rustin's London trip, USIA asked if King given Madrid
to station an interview date, Oslo paper contacted
McDonald for U.S. reaction to MLK receiving Nobel.

No# 100-106670-531
DFBI to SAC Miami 11/20/64
asks Miami to be more prompt in submitting its airtels

459 Teletype to Atlanta, New Haven to Director
from NY 11/28/64
try to identify [redacted] and [redacted] who are to meet ::
King upon his arrival at Kennedy Airport 11/30

(b)(7)(c)

- 240 At to Director 2/2/65
RRN
Bernard Lee in contact w/ [REDACTED] re rumors in W., (b)(7)(c)
D.C. of cominfil misappropriation of funds and (b)(7)(c)
[REDACTED] w/i SCLC.
- 241 Mobile to Director 2/8/65
- 242 NY to Director 2/4/65
- 243 At to Director 2/2/65
- 244 Philadelphia to Director 2/10/65
- 245 Springfield to Director 1/27/65
- 246 Jacksonville to Director 2/8/65
Charles Allen Lingo: Field Secretary SCLC at
St. Augustine, Fla.
- 247 Miami to Director 2/11/65
Charles A. Longo
- 248 Chgo to Director 2/12/65
- 249 Savannah to Director 2/18/65
Operation Dialogue and Andrew Young
- 250 Springfield to Director 2/19/65
Religious Workers Ass'n
- 251 At to Director and NY 2/17/65
MLK itinerary research committee meeting of SCLC
in NY noon 2/19/68
SFP orders feasibility study.
- 252 At to Director 2/16/68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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Sullivan	_____
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Wick	_____
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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 1/14/66

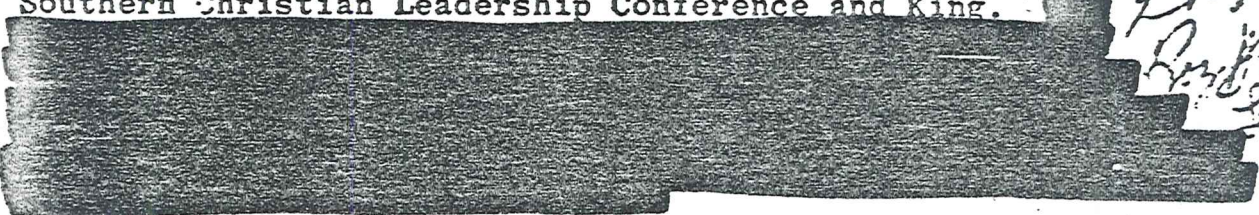
FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan ✓
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Rozamus
- 1 - Mr. Bates

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

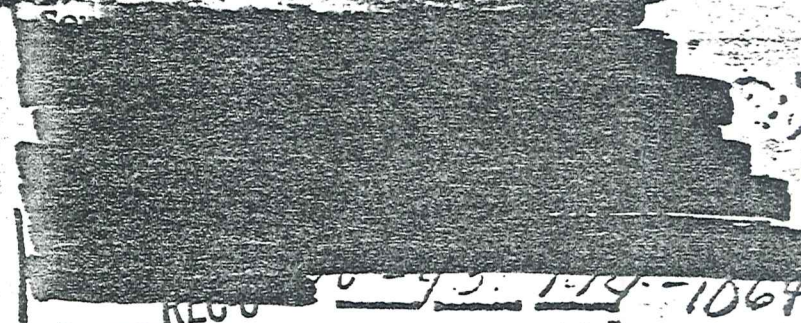
On 11/8/63, a technical surveillance was instituted on the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 330 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, a civil rights organization headed by Martin Luther King, Jr. Its purpose was to determine communist influence on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and King.

(b)(2)
(b)(7)(E)



This installation consistently furnishes examples of communist influence or attempted communist influence on King and on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which is not available through any other source. This information is widely disseminated to other Government agencies and frequently to the White House. A few examples of information furnished to the White House are as follows:

~~January 1966 King issued instructions~~



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EX-123 Bring a conversation. King indicated

100-438794

1 - Bufile 100-442529 (Communist Influence in Racial Matters)

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JA: (7) 1966

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Special Agent

Daumgardner to Sullivan
Re: COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
— LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
100-438794

December, 1965

Court Order

King ordered

August, 1965

Court Order

During a conversation with one of his associates, King discussed

Court Order

During another conversation, there were references to statements made by King in private concerning

OBSERVATIONS:

King is the foremost civil rights figure in the country and has an international following. A number of his key advisors as well as some officers in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference have been Communist Party members or affiliated with other subversive organizations. This surveillance indicates the extent of influence being exerted on King by these individuals. It reveals the part these individuals play in policy-making decisions with King; assistance which they render King in his writings and speeches; and the advice and counsel they give King in his declarations concerning United States foreign policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

In order that the Bureau may carry out its responsibilities on uncovering and disseminating all information indicating communist influence in racial matters, including the increasing tendency to merge peace issues with civil rights, it is mandatory that we maintain coverage of King. Thus, it is recommended this technical surveillance be retained.

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concerned with internal problems
resulting from laxness in administrative
controls, etc., as well as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and otherwise undesirable
conduct of SCLC employees. Levison
to attend Structure Committee meeting

(b)(7)(c)

close advisors to map strategy
Discussions [redacted] re: coming to D.C. 1/6/7

b7(c)

Minneapolis LFM
Source said Negro leadership moving closer to LA

NYC 1/7/64: LFM

[redacted]

(b)(7)(c)

Maste Daily Worker '56
well known pacifist Ch. Am. Forum for Socialist
Education

1/17/64

JEH to AG - MLK Levison met in NY on 1/8/64
during SCLC meeting in NY held 1/4

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JEH to SAC Atlanta 1/16 - Alert to those attending
SCLC meeting

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12/31/63 Atlanta to JEH Att: Sullivan

[redacted]

(b)(7)(d)

[redacted] newspaper man wanted
to know relationship between King, SCLC
& Dombrowski, SCEF

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1/8/64 Atlanta to JEH: re: Mrs. Speeking w/ [redacted]

(b)(7)(c)

Re: Feb '56 when it before SCLC formed, she in
Atlanta MLK & Abernathy had to go to Mont. & she
had to meet w/ministers Stan Levison Ella Baker &
Bayard Rustin

Dave Dellinger tried to get in touch w/MLK while
passing thru on march from Canada to Cuba - Committee
on Non-Violent action

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1/13/64 - June file

FBI File 100-3-116
CP, USA
Section 19
Serials 759-809

759-760

761-762 Removed to June File (1/13/64; 1/14/64)

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764 Removed to June Mail (1/8/64)

765 King to speak to members of 14 motion group in Atlanta,
(1/14/64) including the Soviet representative

HR [REDACTED] (b)(1)
(1/7/64)

HR Disgrace King - put another in his place. Sullivan, speaking
(18/64) to [REDACTED] suggested Samuel R. Pierce, Jr. Hoover snotty comment (b)(7)(c)

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767 SCLC, NY meeting - King, Jones, Abernathy, Walker, Rowe
(1/10/64)

768-769

770 Jones met with Levison prior to meeting w/ King
(1/6/64)

100-3-116 Removed to June Mail

771-775

776 Counterintelligence potential of King [REDACTED] (1/24/64) (b)(7)(c)

777 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

778-783

784 SA [REDACTED] felt out [REDACTED] re public exposure of King (b)(7)(c)
(1/16/64)

785 Removed to June Mail (1/17/64)

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FBI File 100-3-116
CPUSA-Negro Question Communist Influence in Racial Matters
Section 30, Part 1
Serial 1309 only

4/27/64 Working paper detailing the extent of communist influence in the Negro movement. Updated monthly includes synopsis. Evidence submitted shows definite communist influence in SCLC, CORE, NAACP, SNCC, NALC, SCEF, and A-AHA. Characterization of King as a "communist tool" [REDACTED]

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- I. Communist Strategy
- II. Communist Tactics
- III. Communist Influence in Racial Organizations
- IV. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Exhibits 1. Biographical Sketches and Subversive Activities of Individuals Prominent in Racial Movement

2. Photo of Levison, Jones, King together 11/20/63
[REDACTED]

b7(c)

The "running memorandum" enclosure to 100-3-116-1309 was brought up-to-date by a monthly memorandum submitting new and amended pages as necessary.

Section 30, Part 1, contains serial 1309 and the enclosure, which is the yellow copy of the "running memorandum".

Section 30, Part 2, contains the monthly memoranda with obsolete yellow pages that were removed from the "running memorandum", Part 1 Amendment memos dated May 7, 1964 through December 1, 1965 are included.

Serial 1309 includes an April 29, 1964 cover memo from W.C. Sullivan to A.H. Belmont, enclosing a working paper on the extent of Cominfil in the Negro mvmt. A synopsis of the attached document is included discussing the means by which the CPUSA is infiltrating the CRM, the organizations on which the CPUSA has forced its attack, and a description of the CR leader MLK, Jr., depicting him as....

Comprehensive picture of the COMINFIL.

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2177

8/19/64- JEH to Atlanta SAC- ~~after obtaining~~
transcript confirming "the Herald" story re Abernathy
and King, field office authorized to make anonymous
mailing to [REDACTED] to initiate investigation by him to
precipitate a story embarrassing to King, Abernathy
and SCLC

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2187

8/8/64- King conferring with Jones/Rustin- continuing
contact with communists. FBI forwarding info to
the AG and the White House

2188

8/10/64- King's views on the upcoming DNC, in
conference w/advisers, submitted to the White House

2189

8/17/64- King request for O'Dell's NY phone number.
Continuing communist contacts to be reported to
Department and military intelligence agencies

2190-2199

O&C #100- Martin Luther King, Jr.

- 1) Envelope containing taped interview of former agent [REDACTED] on 10/18/62 (b)(7)(C)
- 2) " " " " " "
- 3) Envelope containing a 44 page summary of Bureau information on MLK concerning blasphemous attitude [REDACTED], [REDACTED] by Communists, and Advocacy of violence. (b)(7)(C)
- 4) Envelope containing (a) 10/16/63 monograph on communism and the Negro Movement which was circulated and recalled. (b) original and two copies revised paper on King from Sullivan to Tolson. Document is 71 pages. Cover is handwritten note from Sullivan to Tolson. This was done pursuant to memo of G.C. Moore to Sullivan 6/25/69. The paper appears to be a paragraph by paragraph update.
- 5) Drew Pearson on King wiretap. Collection of memos dealing w/exposure of Kennedy approval of King tap by Anderson and Pearson.
- 6) Monograph on King dated 3/29/68, 64 pages, with sections entitled: Blasphemous attitude, [REDACTED], Fondness for lush living, Communism, Ghost writers, Violence. (b)(7)(C)
- 7) Sullivan Notes- King- basically copies of memos already in King security file
- 8) Sullivan Notes- King (a) Memo M.A. Jones to Bishop on 5/22/68 recommending that Sen. Hugh Scott be confidentially briefed on MLK background in light of fact that Scott had proposed that U.S. make a commemorative medal for King.
- 9) Communications concerning MLK Jr. Volume 1 Top Secret June (6/3/68 30 pages
- 10) June Obscene folder