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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED: DECEMBER 12, 1975.

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FOR INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS INITIATED AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW EFFORT "TO LOOK AT ALL ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE FBI WITH RESPECT TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." IT HAS INSTRUCTED BUREAU MAKE AVAILABLE FOR DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW ALL MATERIALS CONCERNING KING, HIS FAMILY, RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES, AND THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) (ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS HEADED UP BY KING), AS WELL AS THE FILE RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF KING. ("ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS," CODE NAME MURKIN, BUREAU FILE 44-38861.) MATERIAL TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL COINTELPRO PROPOSALS, ACTIONS AND RESULTS OF ACTIONS; AND ALL REQUESTS,

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APPROVALS AND RESULTS, INCLUDING TAPES, TRANSCRIPTS AND LOGS, OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES, WHETHER WIRETAP, MICROPHONE OR OTHERWISE.

AS AN EARLY STEP IN THE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, IT HAS ASKED FOR AN INVENTORY OF ALL MATERIALS AVAILABLE BOTH AT HEADQUARTERS AND IN ALL FIELD OFFICES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TELETYPE IS TO SOLICIT THE NECESSARY FIELD INVENTORIES. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT HAS NARROWED THE REQUEST AS TO "FAMILY, RELATIVES" TO INCLUDE ONLY IMMEDIATE FAMILY. AS TO "FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES," DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THAT AS THE REVIEW PROGRESSES, IT WILL DESIGNATE THE SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS IT IS INTERESTED IN FOR REVIEW OF MATERIALS. THE FIRST SUCH INDIVIDUAL, ALREADY DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT IS STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, BUFILE 100-392452. WHILE DEPARTMENT IS APPARENTLY CONSIDERING FILE REVIEWS IN THE FIELD, ALL THAT IS IMMEDIATELY DESIRED ARE FIELD INVENTORIES RELATING TO PERTINENT MAIN FILES ONLY.

FOLLOWING ARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF INVENTORIES BY ALL FIELD OFFICES.

FILES TO BE INCLUDED ARE:

1. MURKIN - BUFILE 44-38861.
2. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - BUFILE 100-106670.
3. IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS (EXCLUDING CHILDREN).
 - A. WIFE, CORETTA KING.
 - B. FATHER, MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR.
 - C. MOTHER, (DECEASED) ALBERTA WILLIAMS KING.
 - D. BROTHER, (DECEASED) ALFRED DANIEL WILLIAMS KING;

MOST COMMONLY USED NAME A. D. KING.

- E. SISTER, CHRISTINE KING FARRIS, AKA MRS. ISAAC FARRIS.

OF INDIVIDUALS LISTED UNDER 2 AND 3 ABOVE, PRINCIPAL BUFILE NUMBER ONLY FOR KING, JR., IS LISTED. THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER MAIN FILES ON KING, JR., AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, MANY WITH THE INDIVIDUAL LISTED AS THE VICTIM RATHER THAN SUBJECT SUCH AS 9- AND 44- CASES. INSURE FIELD INVENTORY INCLUDES ALL MAIN FILES ON THESE INDIVIDUALS.

4. COMINFIL OF SCLC - BUFILE 100-438794.
5. COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS (CIRM) - BUFILE 100-442529.
6. CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION - BUFILE 100-3-116.
7. STANLEY DAVID LEVISON - BUFILE 100-392452.

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IN PREPARING FIELD OFFICE INVENTORIES FOR ALL MAIN FILES RELATING TO ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED: (A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, INCLUDING OFFICE PREFIX; (B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE; (C) VERY BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS, INCLUDING WHETHER IT CONTAINS ANY TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, BULKY EXHIBITS AND ANY OTHER SIMILAR MATERIAL WHICH IS IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE. IF ANY OF THE ABOVE (TAPES, ETC.) IS NOTED, VERY BRIEFLY DESCRIBE. INCLUDE STATEMENT DESCRIBING ALL SUBFILES RELATING TO THE MAIN FILE; (D) ACCOUNT FOR SIZE/SCOPE OF FILE AND RELATED MATTERS. FOR EXAMPLE, INDICATE NUMBERS OF SECTIONS AND SERIALS IN FILE; VOLUME OF LOGS/TRANSCRIPTS AND BULKY EXHIBITS; ETC.

CONFINE INVENTORY AT THIS TIME TO MAIN FILES ONLY AND DO NOT INCLUDE FILE REFERENCES.

FOLLOW OUTLINE AS ABOVE WITH APPROPRIATE HEADINGS.

PREPARATION OF INVENTORY MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IMMEDIATELY AND GIVEN HIGHEST PRIORITY. REPLIES TO BE SUBMITTED BY NITEL NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12, 1975, USING CAPTION AS ABOVE

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(NO CHARACTER TO BE USED), ATTENTION: INTD. IMPERATIVE
DEADLINE BE MET AS ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ASSIGNED PROJECT
DEPARTMENT'S HIGHEST PRIORITY.

NOTE:

Basis for above is letter dated 12/4/75 from J. Stanley
Pottinger, AAG, Civil Rights Division, to Bureau (copy attached),
modified by Bureau letter to Pottinger 12/8/75 (copy attached)
and discussion 12/6/75 between Pottinger's Deputy, James P.
Turner, and representing Bureau J. S. Peelman, Section Chief,
Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division, and
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