

Memorandum

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TO : Chief, Security Research Staff

FROM : Chief, Liaison & External Ops Branch/SRS

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversations with  
5 July and 6 July 1965

DATE: 7 July 1965

1. Set out following is a very brief summary of views and comments of recent events, particularly in the civil rights area.

2. [redacted], in the first conversation which was on 5 July, stated that his study of the activities of the various leaders in the civil rights movement and the positions taken by the various groups have forced him to the conclusion that there is an almost complete split in the civil rights movement and that those groups which are militant and advocating violent action have been captured by the Peking-line Communists. He stated that there is a great deal of information which would support this contention. Along this line, it is particularly interesting to note that the Secretary of State, Mr. Rusk, commented that Hanoi had spurned the peace efforts of the United States which, according to [redacted] shows how contemptuous the Peking-line is of us and, of course, is reflected in the anti-United States policy attacks of the action groups in the civil rights movement. [redacted] pointed out that Martin Luther KING was now linking the civil rights movement to attacks on our policy in Vietnam and that others were following this trend.

3. [redacted]

4. He stated that all of the Negro groups have a wing that want militant action and that these groups are subject to or soon will be subject to Peking direction and domination.

5. [redacted] concluded this long conversation by stating that at the present moment, it is a certain conclusion that the Peking-line

Communists have achieved a "fifth column" in the United States and that this will be used not only to disrupt and attempt to capture the civil rights movement, but will be used as a weapon to attack U.S. policy in South Vietnam, the Dominican Republic and wherever the Peking-line Communists direct.

6. On 6 July [redacted] called and pointed out that [redacted] had apparently suddenly moved in a bid to become the top negro leader in the United States who champions non-violence and anti-Communism. [redacted] stated, that with Martin Luther KING moving toward the Peking-line and splitting the civil rights movement between militants and activists and the non-violent groups, [redacted] stand [redacted], over the past few days was remarkable.

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9. \_\_\_\_\_ concluded by saying that this hard stand by will be very significant, particularly if he continues to hold this position.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he would talk to the FBI concerning this in New York City and would continue to keep us informed.

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