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Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 3/18/68.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) pertaining to the visit of Dr. KING in Los Angeles area from 3/16 - 18/68.

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The LHM is being classified as "Confidential" because of information furnished by the above source, which if revealed, could lead to his identification and compromise an informant of continuing value.

The Los Angeles Division will ascertain if Dr. KING made contact with any other individuals while he was in Los Angeles.

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Los Angeles, California

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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[REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
[REDACTED] advised March 14, 1968, that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled to address the convention of the California Democratic Council at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California, at noon on Saturday, March 16, 1968.

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) advised on March 16, 1968, that Dr. King appeared at a press conference at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California, that date. He stated that he never endorsed any presidential candidate, but spoke highly of Senator Eugene Mc Carthy, Minnesota, and indicated that he might endorse him as a presidential candidate in the 1968 election, claiming that he is passive, non-violent but militant against poverty and the Vietnam War.

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) stated that Dr. King also appeared as the main speaker at the luncheon of the California Democratic Council which was held at the Anaheim Convention Center on the same date. Dr. King stated that if the Government would do something about Negro poverty in the winter time there would be less likelihood of summer violence. He also indicated that there would be a march on Washington, D. C., in April 1968 and the participants will conduct a "stay-in" at Governmental offices until the end of the congressional session to protest Negro poverty. He stated that it was ridiculous to spend money to kill Vietnamese in Vietnam and not help underprivileged Negroes.

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) stated that King left Anaheim at 2:30 p.m. for an unknown appointment in Los Angeles.

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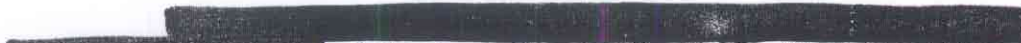
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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 17, 1968, that Dr. King spoke at an Elk's Club somewhere in Los Angeles on the afternoon of March 16, 1968. There he received donations for the Washington Spring Project in the amount of \$6,000, in cash and an undisclosed amount in checks.

The "Los Angeles Times", a daily newspaper published in Los Angeles, California, in its issue of March 17, 1968, carried an article which quoted Dr. King while he was in Anaheim, California, on March 16, 1968. He stated, "The problem is the Government has many programs but nothing has been done." He stated that the spring demonstrations which he will begin in Washington, D. C., on April 22, 1968, are to appeal to the conscience of Congress to escalate the war on poverty and racism and de-escalate the war in Vietnam.

 advised on March 18, 1968, that Dr. King was staying at the Hyatt House Hotel, 5547 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, and would be leaving Los Angeles for New Orleans and Memphis about noon on March 18, 1968, via National Airlines. (b)(7)(D)

The "Los Angeles Times", previously mentioned, in its issue of March 18, 1968, indicated that Dr. King had spoken at the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles on Sunday, March 17, 1968. He stated that it was time for someone in Washington to admit that a mistake has been made in Vietnam and that this nation is involved in a "senseless, reckless, immoral and unwinnable war." He also indicated white racism is "still a glaring reality in our country" and that Congress, dominated by the rural South "stands as a stubborn force in the way of social progress."

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