

The first of these two pages is a copy of my appeal in C.A. 75-1996.

The second is a page from the so-called "Murphy report" of the Civil Rights Division of DJ that was the basis for an internal investigation by the so-called Office of Professional Responsibility. It identifies Whitson as a former SA and John Matter of the Lab who was in on the fabrication.

Not attached but next is the less expurgated version of the letter to get King to kill himself as disclosed to me by Quin Shea after my appeal. The earlier version is attached to the Sullivan to Belmont memo of 1/3 or 8/64, File 77-56944-19. I do not now recall if it was attached as I received these records or if I attached it.

In FBI file classifications 77 means "Applicants (Special Inquiry, Departmental and Other Government Agencies except those having special classifications)." It has an * in the FBI's list. This means "Applicant-Related Classification." As used here classification has nothing to do with security. It means the classification of the file by its subject. You can see for yourself if it has anything to do with any such application! The FBI knows how to hide its sensitive records!

As I remember it, the file in which the original is noted is "Communist influence in racial matters." 100 = "Subversive Matters," security-classification.

The notations b7c and b7d refer to claims to withhold under FOIA, c= personal stuff and d = claimed confidential source.

I have not added any marks or notations. The markings are probably Hoover's because they are exactly like so many of his I have. Note that he gave his OK for Sullivan and the FBI to promote its own black leader to replace Dr. King and that they proposed to "take him off his pedestal."

I have stapled all these together because they are FBI records.

This is the famous or one of the famous Sullivan eat-crow memos after Hoover ostracized him because he reported, truthfully and accurately, that there was no Communist influence on Dr. King. Later that year Sullivan cooked up the letter to get King to kill himself. I believe that the Sullivan memo has been written about and I know Sullivan talked about his crow-eating.

I've often wondered how I know that of all places this Washington FBI connection
 letter suggesting that only outside remained for him.
 tapes of Dr. King and from them creating a single tape that was sent to his wife, with a
 This odd thing, for your information, was the lab's taking a batch of the FBI's
 for his family.
 separately for the SA who would do such a thing or be part of it, I did have concerns
 I said that had to be the same matter, that while I was entirely without
 satisfied should be withheld. It was, you said, an exceptional case. Before you could
 There came a time when you phoned to discuss the name of an SA you said you were

King and JRC assassination records appeals
 re: Martin Luther King
 under (b)(1) and (7) clauses
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Apparently King did not listen to the tape until he returned from Oslo. His wife is supposed to have listened to it also. (u)

... (b)(7)(C) ... was accompanied by a letter advising King that ... later gave [(b)(7)(C)] a package to deliver to Whitson. The tape stationery. Sullivan took the tapes and the stationery and composite added. Sullivan had [(b)(7)(C)] get him non-watermarked ... When Matter returned the tapes, there was a ... the lab. He now thinks he ... (b)(7)(C) ...

Phillips was told to give some of the tapes to John Matter of ... to provide as Sullivan's instructions. Sullivan had previously ... late November 1964 by Lish Whitson, a former agent who flew ... The so-called-(b)(7)(C) ... had actually been mailed in

to talk with Hoover or DeLoach. (u) ... the tape. King said in a taped conversation that he needed said: "They are out to break me". The SAC knew nothing of sent to his home and his wife had read the letter. King ... (b)(7)(C) ... had been tapped. King said a tape and letter which referred to the not sleeping well. He believed the Bureau had his phone taps indicated that King was very nervous and upset and was SAC in Atlanta called the Bureau and reported that the wire- indicated, "security is paramount". Also on the sixth the surveillance because he might meet a woman there. The memo greatly cover King in New York by physical and electronic casual link. On January 6, New York was directed to dis- The conclusion was that there were certain parallels but no books in an effort to detect possible communist influence. made on the previously ordered review of King's writings and and felt his phone was tapped. On the same day a report was King was becoming more and more upset, that he blamed the FBI On January 5, 1965, Atlanta advised Headquarters that

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KING,

I will not dignify your name with either a Mr. or a Reverend or a Dr. And, your last name calls to mind only the type of King such as King Henry the VIII

King, look into your heart. You know you are a complete fraud and a great liability to all of us Negroes. White people in this country have enough frauds of their own but I am sure they don't have one at this time that is any where near your equal. You are no clergyman and you know it. I repeat you are a colossal fraud and an evil, vicious one at that. You could not believe in God. Clearly you don't believe in any personal moral principles.

King, like all frauds you end in swindling. You could have been our greatest leader. You, even at an early age have turned out to be not a leader but a disolute, abnormal moral imbecile. We will now have to depend on our older leaders like Wilkins a man of character and thank God we have others like him. But you are done. Your "honorary" degrees, your Nobel prize (what a grim farce) and other awards will not save you. King, I repeat you are done.

No person can overcome facts, not even a fraud like yourself

I repeat - no person

can argue successfully against facts. You are finished.

And some of them to pretend to be ministers of the Gospel. Satan could not do more. What incredible evilness.

[REDACTED]

The American public, the church organizations that have been helping - Protestant, Catholic and Jews will know you for what you are - an evil, abnormal beast. So will others who have backed you. You are done.

King, there is only one thing left for you to do. You know what it is. You have just 34 days in which to do (this exact number has been selected for a specific reason, it is a definite practical significant. You are done. There is but one way out for you. You better take it before your filthy, abnormal frauds start sell is barred to the nation.

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When the true facts concerning his activities are presented, such should be enough, if handled properly, to take him off his pedestal and to reduce him completely in influence so that he will no longer be a security problem and no longer will be deceiving and misleading the Negro people. When this is done, and it can be and will be done, obviously much confusion will reign, particularly among the Negro people. There will be embarrassment, frustration, confusion, resentment, of course. Because of this and the emotional reaction that will set in, it is not unlikely that movements like the Nation of Islam could benefit greatly. Further, other ridiculous developments similar to the Old Father Divine and Daddy Grace organizations may appear. The Negroes will be left without a national leader of sufficiently compelling personality to steer them in the proper direction. This is what could happen, but need not happen at the right kind of a national Negro leader could at this time be gradually developed so as to overshadow Dr. King and be in the position to assume the role of the leadership of the Negro people when King has been completely discredited.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J. A. Sizoo
- 1 - Mr. D. E. Moore
- 1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. E. A. Smith

DATE: January 8, 1964

MEMORANDUM
TO: Mr. A. E. Belmont
FROM: Mr. W. C. Sullivan



I want to make it clear at once that I don't propose that the FBI in any way become involved openly as the sponsor of a Negro leader to overthrow Martin Luther King. As far as I am concerned, this is not an issue at all. But I do propose that I be given permission to explore further this entire matter and myself who could be helpful. If this thing can be set up properly without the Bureau in any way becoming directly involved, I think it would be not only a great help to the FBI but would be a fine thing for the country at large. While I am not specifying at this moment, there are various ways in which the FBI could give this entire matter b7C

On first blush I know it can be said it is not the concern of the Bureau what happens to the Negroes when Martin Luther King has been discredited. This can be said, but I think it is a very short-sighted view. It is our concern if large numbers of them go into the Nation of Islam and other extremist groups with which we are concerned as an investigative agency. It is our concern if the Communist Party would be able to capitalize upon this confusion. Further, from a positive and constructive standpoint it would be of great advantage to have leading the Negro people a truly brilliant, honorable and loyal Negro who would sound sense this necessarily must be of great interest to us. It would be most helpful to have a man [redacted] and rely upon in sensitive matters over which this Bureau has jurisdiction. b7C

On scanning this biography, it will be seen that [redacted] has all the qualifications of the kind of a Negro I have in mind to advance to positions of national leadership. I won't go into all his accomplishments and qualifications in this memorandum, for it will only take a minute or two to scan the enclosed biography. b7C

Enclosed with this memorandum is an outline of [redacted] biography.

For some months I have been thinking about this matter. One of my philosophical and [redacted] I had an opportunity to explore this from a philosophical and theological standpoint with [redacted] and one on whom I can rely. I had to give the matter some attention and if he knew any Negro of outstanding intelligence and ability let me know and we would have a discussion. [redacted] has submitted to me the name of the above-mentioned person.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont [redacted] b7C

the proper direction and development. There are highly placed contacts of the FBI who might be very helpful to further such a step. These can be discussed in detail later when I have probed more fully into the possibilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

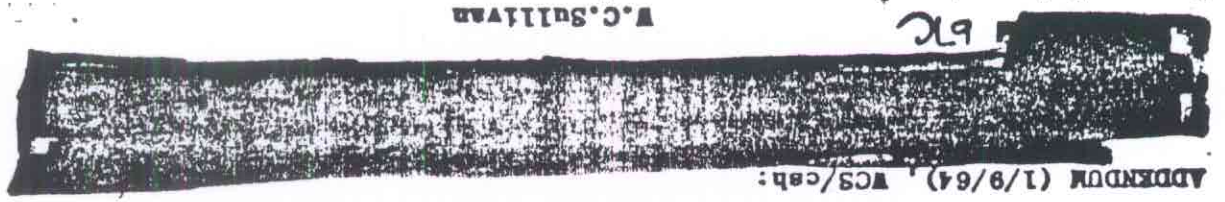
- (1) For the information of the Director.
- (2) That approval be given for me to explore this whole matter in greater detail, as set forth above.

O.K.

W.C.S.

See biography outline enclosed
WCS

APPENDUM (1/9/64), WCS/csh:



W.C. SULLIVAN

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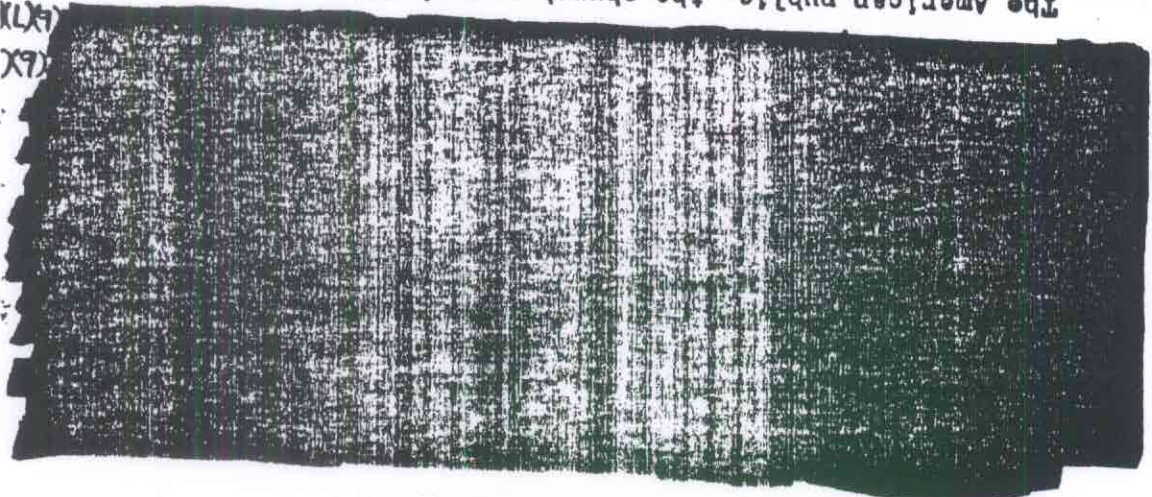
I am glad to see that "A. J. ...
has finally ...
discovered ...
and ...
to get over the ...
commitments ...
social ...
has ...

*anonymous letter found
in file of Mr. Sullivan*

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