

7 What else was FBI doing at time
King was killed and just before?
Checking innocent phone calls to
be paid for by a preacher and
setting up special files on these
clandestine records of intrusion
into personal rights and on the
caller.

SAC (157-1092)

4/4/68

SA HOWELL S. LOWE

SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE,
MEMPHIS, TENN.
RM

On 4/2/68 Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Inspectional Bureau,
Memphis Police Department, advised that [REDACTED]
one JOHN W. SOLOMON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has since 3/25/68 made long-
distance telephone calls and sent telegrams [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in the amount of \$400.00.

JOHN W. SOLOMON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that these charges
would be paid by the Rev. JAMES M. LAWSON, Pastor of
Centenary Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

[REDACTED] Rev. LAWSON [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that he, LAWSON, would pay these toll charges and
telegram costs.

JOHN W. SOLOMON [REDACTED] listed his
home address as 931 Beacon St., San Pedro, California.
He listed his employer as Nation Car Rental. He is
described as a Negro male, 28-35 years old, 6 feet tall,
150-160 pounds, slim build, black hair, hairline mustache,
and light complexion.

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On 4/3/68 SAC JENSEN telephonically contacted Bureau Supervisor GEORGE C. MOORE and was advised that Bureau indices contain no information identifiable with JOHN W. SOLOMON.

A list of telephone numbers called by SOLOMON and the dates called are as follows:

<u>Telephone Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>NEWARK, N. J. (Northern)</u> 201-678-4256	March 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 27 28, 28, 29, 30, 30, 30, 30;
<u>WASHINGTON, D. C.</u> 202-529-7451	March 31, April 1
<u>LOS ANGELES</u> 213-636-8816 213-481-2000 213-481-7000 213-733-6884	March 30, 31 April 1, 1, 1, April 1 March 25
<u>MIAMI</u> 305-758-1652	March 31, 31, 31, 31, April 1
<u>CHICAGO</u> 312-538-6168 312-836-7114 312-785-2114 312-285-8060 312-847-2600 312-373-3839 312-538-0389 312-493-1596	March 19 March 22, 24 March 19, 22, 28 March 18 March 18 March 24 March 2 March 30
<u>SOUTHERN N. J.</u> 609--344-5577	March 28
<u>VIRGINIA</u> 703-399-6557	March 21

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FLORIDA
904-355-9154


March 31

SAVANNAH (GA)
912-272-2257
912-272-5441

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At the present time no leads are being set forth to identify individuals with the above telephone numbers inasmuch as the significance of these telephone calls is not known at the present time.


a photostatic copy of long-distance telephone calls made by SOLOMON, is being placed in the 1A Section of 157-1092.

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FBI NEW YORK

124 PM URGENT 4-5-68 JLW

TO MEMPHIS AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM NEW YORK 05 1710 GR 255

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM -- C; OFFICE OF ORIGIN ATLANTA.

[REDACTED] WHOSE INFORMATION IS TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET", ADVISED APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, THAT STANLEY LEVISON AND HARRY WACHTEL DISCUSSED WHAT ACTION THEY SHOULD TAKE AS A RESULT OF ASSASSINATION OF KING. THEY ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO FLY TO MEMPHIS NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR BUT LATER AGREED NO IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS OR DECISIONS COULD TAKE PLACE THAT NIGHT. WHILE MAKING PLANS TO GO TO MEMPHIS, LEVISON SAID HE FELT HE AND WACHTEL SHOULD GO "THERE" BECAUSE HE FELT A WHOLE SERIES OF PERPLEXING QUESTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE HANDLED BY THE (SCLC) STAFF AND THAT HE AND WACHTEL COULD CONTRIBUTE. LEVISON SAID HE MEANT SHOULD THEY GO ON WITH "THIS MARCH" (THE MEMPHIS MARCH SCHEDULED FOR APRIL EIGHT) AND SHOULD THEY GO ON WITH "THE WASHINGTON THING" (KING'S POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN). LEVISON AND HARRY BELAFONTE LATER AGREED TO FLY TO ATLANTA ON MORNING OF APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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