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July 1, 1969

BY LIAISON

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

For your information there is attached a copy of a Memorandum for the Attorney General dated October 7, 1963, requesting that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance (wire tap) on Martin Luther King, Jr., at his current address, or at any future address to which he may move. This was approved by the Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy on October 10, 1963.

There is also attached a copy of a memorandum dated July 10, 1963, from Mr. Courtney A. Evans, then Assistant Director of this Bureau, to Mr. Belmont, former Assistant to the Director, indicating a discussion concerning this wire tap at which time Mr. Kennedy stated any repercussions which should become known as a result of such a surveillance did not concern him at all, that in view of the possible communist influence in the racial situation he thought it was advisable to have as complete coverage as possible. On July 25, 1963, Mr. Kennedy returned a request for a wire tap on King at which time he informed former Assistant Director Evans orally that he was withdrawing his previous request because of the reasons Mr. Evans had outlined to him previously.

As stated above, Mr. Kennedy later approved the placing of the wire tap on October 10, 1963.

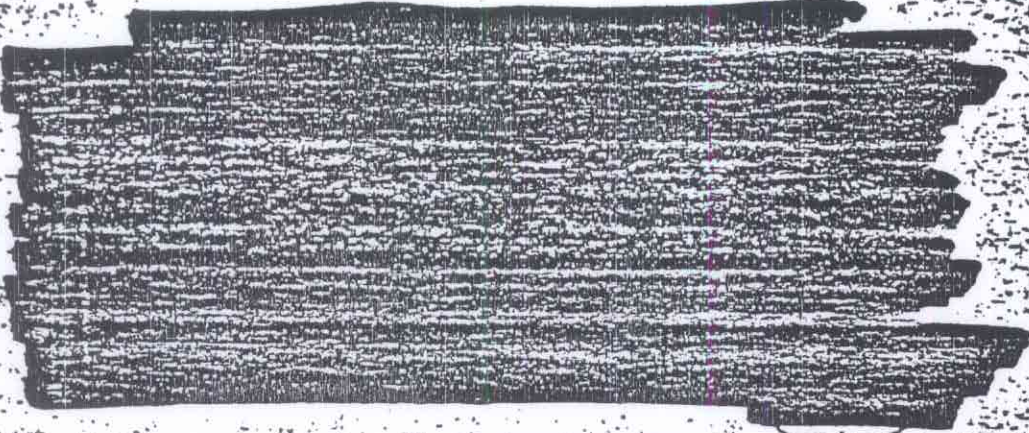
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Sincerely yours,

*Signed
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