

VIA TELETYPE

JAN 21 1969

ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

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RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPES JANUARY ONE NINE, LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISED EARLY A.M., THIS DATE, JAMES BEVEL WAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON JANUARY TWO ZERO, LAST. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA TODAY.

[REDACTED] ERIC WARD, SCLC OFFICIAL MENTIONED BY BEVEL ON NEWSBROADCAST, AS PERSON AGREEING WITH HIM THAT JAMES EARL RAY DID NOT KILL KING.

*SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE*

[REDACTED] BEVEL IS QUOTE "PLAYING A GAME" UNQUOTE BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT RAY EXECUTED. BEVEL FEELS RAY IS PART OF A CONSPIRACY, AND HIS DEATH WOULD END ALL TALK OF CONSPIRACY. PEOPLE WOULD THEN FORGET ABOUT CONSPIRACIES TO KILL KING.

[REDACTED] MILITANTS IN PHILADELPHIA AREA FEEL BEVEL HAS QUOTE "SOLD OUT" UNQUOTE.

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