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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr
FROM : C. D. DeLoach
SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION, Albany, Ga.,
RACIAL MATTERS (Article by
Martin Luther King, Jr.,
critical of FBI)

DATE: January 15, 1963

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Mr. Belmont's memorandum of November 26, 1962, reflected the alternatives in interviewing Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who had criticized the work of the FBI in relation to the Albany situation. The Director approved the suggestion that Mr. Sullivan and I handle the interview with Rev. King.

Following approval, I immediately tried to contact Rev. King telephonically on November 27, 1962.

Rev. King does not have a phone at his residence. We then attempted to contact him at his church in Atlanta. His secretary advised, upon being told who was trying to contact him, that Rev. King was "off in another building writing a book." She further stated that Rev. King preferred not to be disturbed and that it would be impossible to talk to him. That same day I called the SAC at Atlanta and instructed him to attempt to contact Rev. King and set up an interview for Mr. Sullivan and me. The SAC Atlanta advised the following day, November 23, that Rev. King had left instructions with his secretary that he did not have time for an interview, that he was moving around the country. The secretary further advised the SAC that Rev. King would call us when he was willing to sit down for an interview. Rev. King has not called since that date.

It would appear obvious that Rev. King does not desire to be told the true facts. He obviously used deceit, lies and treachery as propaganda to further his own causes.

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Realizing the above, I recommended, the Director approved, that I talk with Mr. MacKay, publisher of the four Afro-American newspapers. This interview was handled and reported by memorandum. The interview was based on the fact that the Afro-American newspapers had published Rev. King's lies, quoting him exclusively. In talking with Mr. MacKay I carefully went over each allegation by Rev. King and set him straight with respect to these lies. MacKay offered no

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- Mr. Belmont
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document and in the following week's issue of his newspapers quoted us for
the record. A letter was also prepared to John H. Sengstacke, Publisher,
"Chicago Defender," dated November 29, 1962, (copy attached) *handwritten*
setting the record straight. Sengstacke, whom we know most favorably, published the letter
setting the lie to Rev. King's allegations. *operated*

CONCLUSION:

The record concerning Rev. King's allegations has been covered.
Interviews with the publishers of the newspapers who carried Rev. King's lies
have been conducted and they have been set straight. I see no further need to
contacting Rev. King inasmuch as he obviously does not desire to be given the
truth. The fact that he is a vicious liar is amply demonstrated in the fact
that he constantly associates with and takes instructions from Stanley Levison who
is a member of the Communist Party in New York. (F)

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I concur.

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