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FROM: SA ROBERT A. CONNORS  
RE: OPERATION BREADBASKET  
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Brief description of activity or material INFORMATION CONCERNING OPERATION BREADBASKET AND JAMES BEVEL	File where original is located if not attached A) 170-98
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Remarks:

- 2 - Atlanta
    - 1 - (COMINFIL - SCLC)
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  - 1 - Memphis
    - 1 - (JAMES EARL RAY)
  - 1 - Philadelphia
    - 1 - (JAMES BEVEL)
  - 8 - Chicago
    - 1 - A) 170-98
    - 1 - 114-1114 (JAMES EARL RAY)
    - 1 - 157-830 [REDACTED]
    - 1 - 105-16238 (COMINFIL - SCLC)
    - 1 - 157-3514 (RACIAL TENSIONS, CHICAGO CITY COLLEGES)
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1- 157- [REDACTED] (FOREIGN INFLUENCES IN BAPT LOVE UNIT)

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Chicago, Illinois  
February 25, 1969

JAMES BEVEL, official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was in Chicago over the weekend and attended the weekly Operation Breadbasket meeting on Saturday, February 22, 1969. BEVEL spoke before this group and stated he had talked to JAMES EARL RAY, accused assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BEVEL stated that RAY is innocent of the murder of KING. BEVEL has offered to serve as co-counsel for RAY at his trial and, although PERCY FOREMAN, attorney for RAY, wanted BEVEL as co-counsel, the judge in the case has ruled out any possibility of this because BEVEL is not an attorney or member of the bar.

BEVEL has changed his appearance by growing a full beard and he no longer wears a skull cap as he has in the past. Several persons have expressed the opinion that BEVEL appears to be mentally disturbed or unbalanced and little credence is placed in what he says.

BEVEL's brother, CHARLES BEVEL, who now resides in Chicago, has been working for SCLC making preparations for SCLC to participate in support of black student demonstrations on college and university campuses. The form of this participation and the schools involved are unknown at this time.