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11:30 PM URGENT 3/28/68 ARK
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, BVFILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH
ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO, ATLANTA FILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH
FIVE FIVE EIGHT SIX.

SANITATION WLRKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. RM.

[REDACTED] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION AT FOUR THIRTY PM MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

[REDACTED] HOSEA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND
AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, SCLC, CURRENTLY IN ATLANTA, WHO DURING
LATE~~TE~~ AFTERNOON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, CONFERRED
TELEPHONICALLY WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PRESIDENT, SCLC;
RALPH D. ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, SCLC; AND
BERNARD LEE, SPECIAL AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT, SCLC.

KING, ABERNATHY, AND LEE ARE CURRENTLY UN ROOM EIGHT ZERO
ONE, HOLIDAY INN, MEMPHIS.

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WITH REFERENCE TO RACIAL DISTURBANCE IN MEMPHIS MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, KING IS EXTREMELY DEJECTED. HE AND ABERNATHY STRONGLY FEEL DISTURBANCE ON THIS DATE DELIBERATELY PLANNED BY NEGROES WHO ARE NEITHER SYMPATHETIC TO KING OR SCLC. IDENTITY OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS NOT KNOWN.

ABERNATHY, LEE, AND WILLIAMS ARE GREATLY CONCERNED FOR WELFARE OF KING., PARTICULARLY ON NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN HE EXPECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCH OR DEMONSTRATION WITH SANITATION WORKERS. AT PRESENT TIME KING DOES NOT FEEL HE SHOULD LEAVE MEMPHIS. DURATION OF STAY AND FURTHER DETAILS IN THIS CONNECTION NOT KNOWN.

ACCORDING TO WILLIAMS, HE, ABERNATHY AND LEE STRONGLY FEEL SAME ELEMENTS WHICH CAUSED DISTURBANCE IN MEMPHIS EARLIER MARCH TWENTYEIGHT MAY CAUSE PERSONAL HARM TO KING EVENING OF MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] MUST BE CLASSIFIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~. MEMPHIS, HOWEVER, SHOULD ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IF NOT ALREADY KNOWN THAT KING CONTEMPLATES PARTICIPATING IN MARCH OR DEMONSTRATION ~~EVENING~~ EVENING OF MARCH TWENTYEIGHT AND THAT IN VIEW OF EARLIER DISTURBANCES IN MEMPHIS ON THIS DATE, SEVERAL RANKING SCLC OFFICIALS APPREHENSIVE FOR PERSONAL WELFARE OF KING.

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