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[REDACTED] WHOSE INFORMATION IS TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET", ADVISED APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, THAT STANLEY LEVISON AND HARRY WACHTEL DISCUSSED WHAT ACTION THEY SHOULD TAKE AS A RESULT OF ASSASSINATION OF KING. THEY ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO FLY TO MEMPHIS NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR BUT LATER AGREED NO IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS OR DECISIONS COULD TAKE PLACE THAT NIGHT. WHILE MAKING PLANS TO GO TO MEMPHIS, LEVISON SAID HE FELT HE AND WACHTEL SHOULD GO "THERE" BECAUSE HE FELT A WHOLE SERIES OF PERPLEXING QUESTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE HANDLED BY THE (SCLC) STAFF AND THAT HE AND WACHTEL COULD CONTRIBUTE. LEVISON SAID HE MEANT SHOULD THEY GO ON WITH "THIS MARCH" (THE MEMPHIS MARCH SCHEDULED FOR APRIL EIGHT) AND SHOULD THEY GO ON WITH "THE WASHINGTON THING" (KING'S POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN). LEVISON AND HARRY BELAFONTE LATER AGREED TO FLY TO ATLANTA ON MORNING OF APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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