

7KING (CONTAINS EXCLUSIVE MATERIAL) (3 TAKES)±

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WASHINGTON - FOR COURTNEY EVANS; THE FBI'S LIAISON WITH FORMER
ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY; ANXIETY OVER THE FATE OF THE 1963
CIVIL RIGHTS BILL WAS "THE PRINCIPAL MOTIVE" BEHIND KENNEDY'S
AUTHORIZATION FOR WIRETAPPING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

FOR NICHOLAS DEB. KATZENBACH; KENNEDY'S SUCCESSOR AT THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; THE TAPPING WAS A "SOP" TO THEN FBI
DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER; WHO ON KENNEDY'S ORDERS HAD WITHDRAWN FROM
CIRCULATION A HIGHLY CRITICAL AND ACCUSATORY FBI MEMO ABOUT KING.

FOR STANLEY D. LEVISON; A LONGTIME ASSOCIATE OF KING AND THE MAN
HOOVER CLAIMED WAS A COMMUNIST INFLUENCE ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS
LEADER; THE REASON WAS THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION'S NERVOUSNESS
RESULTING FROM THE RAZOR-THIN MARGIN BY WHICH JOHN F. KENNEDY WON
THE PRESIDENCY.

THE MOTIVES THAT LAY BEHIND KENNEDY'S OCT. 10, 1963; AUTHORIZATION
FOR WIRETAPPING KING MAY NEVER BE FULLY REVEALED. BUT WHILE THE
MOTIVATION CANNOT BE NAILED DOWN DEFINITELY; INTERVIEWS WITH
FORMER KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND THE PARTIAL RECORDS
MADE PUBLIC BY THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE'S STUDY OF THE FBI
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THEY ARE THAT ROBERT KENNEDY THOUGHT HE HAD NATIONAL SECURITY GROUNDS FOR WIRETAPPING KING; A BASIS FOR THAT KIND OF INVESTIGATION 12 YEARS AGO. IN THE PRE-WATERGATE DAYS WHEN THE FBI'S SUMMARY OF FACTS WAS ACCEPTED WITH LITTLE QUESTION; KENNEDY DID NOT ATTEMPT TO CHECK THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST KING'S ASSOCIATES BY MORE CONVENTIONAL MEANS.

FURTHERMORE; THE CONCLUSION IS INESCAPABLE THAT POLITICAL CONCERNS; PARTICULARLY THE FEAR THAT DAMAGING DISCLOSURES ABOUT KING COULD SCUTTLE THE ADMINISTRATION'S CIVIL RIGHTS BILL; ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO ROBERT KENNEDY'S DECISION TO TAP KING.

ON CAPITOL HILL; THE SENATE COMMITTEE'S EXAMINATION OF THE FBI'S EXTENSIVE ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF KING HAS BROUGHT TO LIGHT SIGNIFICANT NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEILLANCE.

THERE ARE THESE KEY ITEMS:

-THE FBI APPARENTLY USED THE WORDING OF KENNEDY'S AUTHORIZATIONS FOR TAPS ON KING'S SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OFFICES IN NEW YORK AND ATLANTA AND HIS ATLANTA HOME AS THE BASES FOR FIVE OTHER TAPS - THREE OF THEM ON HOTEL OR HOTEL ROOMS WHERE KING WAS STAYING. THE AUTHORIZATIONS, PREPARED FOR KENNEDY'S SIGNATURE BY THE FBI, PERMITTED THE BUREAU TO "PLACE A TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE ON KING AT HIS CURRENT ADDRESS OR AT ANY FUTURE ADDRESS TO WHICH HE MAY MOVE."

-DESPITE KENNEDY'S INSTRUCTION THAT THE TAPS WERE TO BE INSTALLED ON A TRIAL BASIS AND REEVALUATED IN 30 DAYS; THERE

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IS NO INDICATION THAT THE REEVALUATION WAS CONDUCTED. INSTEAD, THE
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-LEVISON, WHOSE "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE" WAS AT THE HEART OF THE
FBI'S STATED REASON FOR WANTING TO TAP KING, WAS FOUND BY THE
FBI'S NEW YORK OFFICE TO BE "NOT NOW UNDER CP (COMMUNIST PARTY)
DISCIPLINE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS FIELD." HOOVER DID NOT RELAY THIS
INFORMATION TO EVANS OR KENNEDY.

THE FIRM ANSWER ON WHAT MOTIVATED KENNEDY'S DECISION TO AUTHORIZE
THE WIRETAPPING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PLACED BEYOND REACH WITH ROBERT
KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. THE LOS ANGELES TIMES
INTERVIEWED KENNEDY'S SIX CLOSEST ASSOCIATES IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
AT THE TIME OF THE WIRETAPPING; PERSONS WITH WHOM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MIGHT WELL HAVE DISCUSSED THE DECISION; AND NONE RECALLED KENNEDY'S
DISCUSSING THE THORNY QUESTION IN ADVANCE.

BUT THE SENATE COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION INTO KING AND THE FBI,
AS WELL AS RECOLLECTIONS OF SOME OF KENNEDY'S JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
COLLEAGUES, DOES ALLOW MORE OF THE KING WIRETAPPING PUZZLE TO BE
ASSEMBLED THAN WAS POSSIBLE EARLIER.

KENNEDY'S DECISION SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE COLD WAR CONTEXT OF
1963; WHEN THE NATION'S NERVES WERE PUT FURTHER ON EDGE BY THE CIVIL
RIGHTS MOVEMENT'S FIGHT FOR BLACK EQUALITY.

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BY THAT TIME, ACCORDING TO KATZENBACH, WHO WAS THEN DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, KING HAD "EMERGED AS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER IN THIS COUNTRY."

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION - BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL - SYMPATHIZED WITH AND SUPPORTED DR. KING'S DRAMATIC EFFORTS TO DEMONSTRATE THE EXTENT OF DISCRIMINATION IN THIS COUNTRY AND TO RIGHT THOSE WRONGS," KATZENBACH SAID.

UNKNOWN TO THE PUBLIC, HOWEVER, ROBERT KENNEDY WAS RECEIVING A STREAK OF MEMORANDA FROM THE FBI WARNING THAT KING WAS EXPOSED TO COMMUNIST INFLUENCE.

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EDWIN G. GUTHMAN, THEN KENNEDY'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION, RECALLED THAT THE FBI'S MAIN ALLEGATION WAS THAT KING HAD CONTACT WITH A MAN WHO WAS A SECRET MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED ONLY AS MR. X OR MR. A DURING THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS, THE INDIVIDUAL WAS LEVISON, WHO DENIES EVER BEING A COMMUNIST.

THE FBI ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN TO KENNEDY ABOUT JACK O'DELL, A SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE STAFF MEMBER, CONTENDING HE HAD COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS.

THESE ACCUSATIONS WERE "LESS SERIOUS" THAN THOSE AGAINST LEVISON, ACCORDING TO FORMER JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WHO SAW OR HEARD THEM.

KING HAD WRITTEN O'DELL IN 1963 THAT AN INVESTIGATION BY THE SCLC HAD UNCOVERED NO CONNECTIONS ON HIS PART WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

O'DELL COULD NOT BE REACHED BY THE TIMES FOR COMMENT.

BURKE MARSHALL, WHO HEADED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION UNDER KENNEDY, SAID THE INFORMATION THE FBI GAVE HIM ON THE TWO MEN (MARSHALL WON'T USE THEIR NAMES BECAUSE HE NOW DISTRUSTS THE FBI INFORMATION) WAS "VERY SPECIFIC, NOT VAGUE OR GENERAL."

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GUTHMAN, NOW NATIONAL EDITOR OF THE TIMES, SAID THE FBI STRESSED THE SENSITIVITY OF ITS INFORMATION ON LEVISON.

"HOOVER CLAIMED THAT IF IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THEY KNEW AN INDIVIDUAL WAS A SECRET MEMBER (OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY) IT WOULD EXPOSE A SECRET SOURCE (OF THE FBI)," GUTHMAN SAID.

THE FBI'S SENSITIVITY CONTINUES TODAY. TESTIFYING LAST MONTH BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE, JAMES B. ADAMS, ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI, SAID HE COULD NOT DISCUSS IN OPEN SESSION THE BASIS FOR INVESTIGATING KING.

"MY HANDS ARE TIED IN DISCUSSING THAT," ADAMS SAID, "SOMWHAT ON THE BASIS THAT THERE IS CERTAIN INFORMATION WHICH TODAY, FROM AN ONGOING OPERATION, IS SENSITIVE."

LEVISON, IN AN INTERVIEW, SAID HE BELIEVED ALLEGATIONS THAT HE HAD SECRET COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATIONS WERE MADE TO THE FBI BY A FORMER BUSINESS ASSOCIATE WHO, LEVISON CONTENDED, WAS TRYING TO CLEAR HIMSELF WITH THE FBI IN THE 1950s.

LEVISON SAID THE FORMER ASSOCIATE WAS "CLINICALLY SICK," AND THAT HE THUS DID NOT WANT TO REKINDLE THE MAN'S ANTAGONISM BY IDENTIFYING HIM. LEVISON HIMSELF HAS SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK AND ALSO IS ILL WITH CANCER AND DIABETES.

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THE FBI'S CONCERNS OVER KING'S ASSOCIATES WAS RAISED WITH KING BY BURKE MARSHALL IN A JUNE OR JULY, 1963; CONVERSATION, ABOUT THE TIME OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S CIVIL RIGHTS MESSAGE; MARSHALL RECALLED IN AN INTERVIEW. THIS WAS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF SUCH CONVERSATIONS WITH KING OR HIS AIDES; MARSHALL SAID.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND ATTY. GEN. KENNEDY ALSO HAD A SIMILAR DISCUSSION WITH KING; URGING HIM TO "TAKE SERIOUSLY" THE WARNING CONVEYED BY MARSHALL.

KING'S FAMILY LAWYER; HARRY WACHTEL; SAID KING FOLLOWED THE KENNEDYS' RECOMMENDATIONS. O'DELL WAS DISCHARGED BY THE SCLC AND THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH LEVISON WAS SEVERED; AT LEAST FOR A WHILE.

AUTHOR VICTOR S. NAVASKY IN HIS 1971 BOOK; "KENNEDY JUSTICE;" PUBLISHED A JULY 3, 1963; LETTER THAT KING SENT TO O'DELL. KING WROTE THAT A THOROUGH INQUIRY INTO CHARGES THAT O'DELL HAD COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS HAD TURNED UP NO SUCH "PRESENT CONNECTIONS." BUT KING ADDED THAT SCLC'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED TO ASK O'DELL TO MAKE HIS TEMPORARY RESIGNATION PERMANENT.

"... ANY ALLUSION TO THE LEFT BRINGS FORTH AN EMOTIONAL RESPONSE WHICH WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT SCLC AND THE SOUTHERN FREEDOM MOVEMENT ARE COMMUNIST-INSPIRED. IN THESE CRITICAL TIMES WE CANNOT AFFORD TO RISK ANY SUCH IMPRESSIONS;" KING WROTE.

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LEVISON SAID HE CITED TO KING THE THIN MARGIN BY WHICH JOHN KENNEDY WON ELECTION AND TOLD KING: "I DON'T THINK IT'S SUCH A DREADFUL THING IF WE SEPARATE;" HE SAID HE TOLD KING. "HE WAS HARD TO PERSUADE; BUT HE FINALLY AGREED."

DURING THE NEXT 18 MONTHS; HOWEVER; LEVISON SAID HE AND KING WERE IN TOUCH ABOUT MATTERS THAT HAD BEEN PENDING WHEN THEY WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS.

ON ONE SUCH OCCASION; HE SAID; HE TOLD KING THAT THEY WERE "DRIFTING TOGETHER." LEVISON SAID KING THEN TOLD HIM HE HAD DECIDED THEY WOULD REOPEN THEIR RELATIONSHIP "IN THE OPEN" BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAD PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE OF LEVISON'S ALLEGED LINK WITH COMMUNISM.

MEANTIME; AROUND THE TIME OF THE 1963 CIVIL RIGHTS MESSAGE; THE FBI CONTINUED TO SEND ROBERT KENNEDY WORD THAT KING AND LEVISON WERE STILL IN CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER.

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EVANS, TESTIFYING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE, SAID HE TOLD KENNEDY THAT KING TRAVELED A GREAT DEAL AND THAT HE "DOUBTED FOR THAT REASON WHETHER EFFECTIVE SURVEILLANCE OF HIS HOME OR OFFICE WOULD BE VERY PRODUCTIVE."

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EVANS, REFERRING TO THE MEMORANDUM OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH KENNEDY, SAID HE ALSO QUESTIONED WHAT THE REPERCUSSIONS WOULD BE IF EXISTENCE OF THE WIRETAP EVER BECAME KNOWN.

"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID THIS DID NOT CONCERN HIM AT ALL;" EVANS WROTE IN HIS 1963 MEMORANDUM; "THAT IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBLE COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THE RACIAL SITUATION; HE THOUGHT IT ADVISABLE TO HAVE AS COMPLETE COVERAGE AS POSSIBLE. I TOLD HIM; UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES; THAT WE WOULD CHECK INTO THE MATTER TO SEE IF COVERAGE WAS FEASIBLE; AND IF SO WOULD SUBMIT AN APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATION TO HIM."

IN A RECENT INTERVIEW; EVANS EXPLAINED THAT HE DID NOT THINK KENNEDY WAS REALLY SIGNALING HIS LACK OF CONCERN OVER REPERCUSSIONS THAT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE WIRETAP MIGHT HAVE

"I THINK AT THE TIME HE HAD MADE UP HIS MIND;" EVANS SAID. "LET'S FACE IT. HOOVER WAS COUNSELING HIM ONE WAY; AND I WAS TRYING TO HAVE SOME RESTRAINING EFFECT HERE. I THINK THIS WAS JUST HIS WAY OF DISMISSING MY EFFORT TO TRY AND MODIFY THE POSITION."

BUT NINE DAYS LATER AFTER HIS CONVERSATION WITH KENNEDY - ON JULY 25, 1963 - EVANS FILED ANOTHER MEMO SAYING KENNEDY TOLD HIM HE HAD CONCLUDED THERE SHOULD NOT BE A WIRETAP ON KING.

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THE LETTER, APPROVED BY HOOVER, READ IN PART:

"BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM THE FBI AND OTHER SOURCES, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY OF THE TOP LEADERS OF THE MAJOR CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS ARE COMMUNISTS, OR COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED. THIS IS TRUE AS TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ABOUT WHOM PARTICULAR ACCUSATIONS WERE MADE, AS WELL AS OTHER LEADERS.

"IT IS NATURAL AND INEVITABLE THAT COMMUNISTS HAVE MADE EFFORTS TO INFILTRATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS AND TO EXPLOIT THE CURRENT RACIAL SITUATION. IN VIEW OF THE REAL INJUSTICES THAT EXIST AND THE RESENTMENT AGAINST THEM, THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN REMARKABLY UNSUCCESSFUL."

GUTHMAN, RECALLING THE LETTER, SAID IT BECAME "THE BASIC DOCUMENT" FROM WHICH HE AND CARTHA DELOACH, THEN IN CHARGE OF THE FBI'S PUBLIC RELATIONS, WORKED FROM WHEN THE QUESTION OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WAS RAISED.

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BUT THREE MONTHS LATER; ON OCT. 10 AND OCT. 21, 1963, KENNEDY
APPROVED TAPS REQUESTED BY THE FBI ON KING'S ATLANTA HOME AND
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FUTURE ADDRESS TO WHICH HE MAY MOVE;" HOOVER'S REQUEST FOR ONE OF
THE WIRETAPS READ.

THE DOCUMENTS WERE STAMPED "NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION" AND
WERE HEADED WITH THE NOTATION: "RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SECURITY
MATTER - COMMUNIST"

BELOW THAT WAS THE NOTATION; ALSO IN CAPITALS: "COMMUNIST
INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS."

GUTHMAN; RECALLING A DISCUSSION HE HAD WITH ROBERT KENNEDY AFTER THE
AUTHORIZATION OF THE KING WIRETAPPING BECAME AN ISSUE IN
KENNEDY'S BID FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN 1968,
SAID KENNEDY GAVE TWO REASONS FOR IT.

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KATZENBACH; HOWEVER; DID NOT ASSOCIATE THE WIRETAPPING WITH PROSPECTS FOR CONGRESS' ACTING ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM.

INSTEAD; KATZENBACH LINKS THE AUTHORIZATION WITH A MEMORANDUM HOOVER PREPARED ON KING "REFERRING TO THE FACT OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THE MOVEMENT AND DISCUSSING QUESTIONS OF MORAL CHARACTER."

HOOVER GAVE THE MEMO WIDE CIRCULATION IN THE GOVERNMENT; WHICH KATZENBACH SAID MADE KENNEDY "FURIOUS." THE ATTORNEY GENERAL "DIRECTED MR. HOOVER TO WITHDRAW ALL COPIES OF THE MEMORANDUM TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND NOT TO CIRCULATE IT FURTHER;" KATZENBACH SAID.

HE SAID KENNEDY THEN APPROVED THE WIRETAPPING AUTHORIZATION "AS A KIND OF SOP" TO HOOVER. "YOU KNOW; 'PUT IT ON; THEN WE'LL REVIEW IT. YOU'LL SEE THERE'S NOTHING TO IT;' AND THAT WILL BE THE END OF THE MATTER."

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