

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

King Security

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: 2/20/68

FROM : G. C. Moore *GC*

- 1 - Mr. Morley
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning the progress of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), to organize a massive civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D. C., in the Spring of 1968.

BACKGROUND:

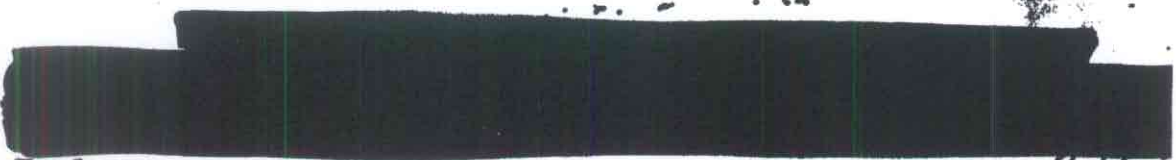
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King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

5 - D. R. Bell

King is currently holding the first of two workshops from 2/19-23/68 at Miami, Florida. He has invited approximately 150 Negro ministers throughout the nation to attend this meeting. The Ford Foundation recently gave King's organization a \$230,000 grant to hold these workshops in an effort to develop responsible leadership in the Negro ghetto areas of the nation's major cities. It has been determined that King plans to discuss the Washington Spring Project at this workshop.



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Memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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King appears to be concentrating his attention on the South where he has chartered a small twin-engine aircraft to help speed him about urging people to support his campaign.

Informant

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RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army; Navy; and Air Force.

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SAC, New York (100-129802)

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Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

1 - Mr. W. G. Shaw

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES)

ReNYairtel 2/9/68, a copy of which was furnished Atlanta.

Your proposed counterintelligence action set forth in reairtel is excellent and shows that your office is alert to the necessity to suggest effective counterintelligence measures whenever the occasion arises. Your suggested article has been given to cooperative news sources and you should be alert for publication of this information in your area. Promptly furnish the Bureau with copies of any news articles which relate to this matter, along with any tangible results.

1 - Atlanta (100-5586)

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NOTE:

New York furnished a suggested article concerning the appearance of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., at a fund-raising affair sponsored by CP-controlled Freedomways Associates. The article raised the question as to whether King was courting the communists to bolster his civil disobedience campaign. It was also pointed out that Jack O'Dell, former close associate of King's and a leading CP figure, is one of the officers of Freedomways Associates. Crime Records Division has furnished the article to cooperative news sources and New York is being requested to be alert for the publication of any articles relating to this matter.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670D)

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(FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.)

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Re New York airtel to Bureau 2/9/68 captioned as above and Atlanta airtels and LHM's 2/12/68 and 2/15/68 captioned "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM".

Re New York airtel suggests a communication which the Bureau might release through its mass media contacts. Re Atlanta communications reflect as of 2/7/68 and 2/12/68 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., evidenced considerable skepticism as to the probable success of SCLC's WSP.

Atlanta is of the opinion that New York's suggested communication is excellent and has no desire to materially amend it.

The communication submitted by New York is designed, or course, to cause the reader thereof to ask himself the question whether KING is inviting CP assistance for the Washington Spring Project. It is felt possible additional impact might be given this question if New York's communication is introduced by pointing out that recently (for example, during the 2/6 and 7/68 Executive Board meeting in Washington, D. C.) it is understood KING evidenced some discouragement as to the probable success of the Washington Spring Project.

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- 2- New York (100-129802) (RM)
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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
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February 15, 1968

- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. R. C. Putnam
- 1 - Mr. W. G. Shaw

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST
 (FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES)

R. B. ...
C. D. Brennan

This is to recommend release of the attached article to sources in the mass news media field regarding Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who is scheduled to give the keynote address at a fund-raising activity sponsored by Communist Party-controlled Freedomways Associates, publishers of the magazine, "Freedomways," which is self-described as a quarterly review of the Negro Freedom Movement. The objective is to show that King appears to be courting the communists to bolster his forthcoming civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D. C., in the Spring of 1968.

The communist publication, "National Guardian," recently publicized the fact that King is to give the keynote address at the 100th anniversary celebration of the birth of the late W. E. B. DuBois, well-known Negro educator who joined the Communist Party, USA, at the age of 93. This affair is scheduled to be held on 2/23/68 in Carnegie Hall, New York City, and is sponsored by Freedomways Associates. The main purpose of this affair is to raise money to help finance "Freedomways" magazine, and information has been received indicating that with King as the keynote speaker the affair will undoubtedly be a financial success.

Although no information has been received as to the contents of King's speech, it is reasonable to assume that he will comment on the matter with which he is primarily concerned at the present time, namely, his campaign of civil disobedience planned for the Spring of 1968 in Washington, D. C.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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It is believed that the publicity given to King's appearance at Carnegie Hall on 2/23/68 in behalf of the communist publication, "Freedomways," could serve to show King's affinity for the communist movement and, thereby, place his planned civil disobedience campaign in the proper context.

The attached proposed article goes directly to the heart of this matter. It is proposed that this article be released to appropriate sources in the mass news media field through the Crime Records Division. The proposed article raises the question as to whether King is courting the communists to bolster his civil disobedience campaign. In this connection, it is pointed out that Hunter Pitts (Jack) O'Dell, former close associate of King's in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is one of the editors of "Freedomways." In 1963, King reluctantly released O'Dell from his post in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference when it became publicly known that O'Dell was a leading figure in the Communist Party. It is further pointed out in the proposed article that the Communist Party, with its years of experience in agitation and fomenting conflicts, would be a powerful ally for King in his efforts to promote civil disobedience in Washington, D. C.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum and the attached article be routed to the Crime Records Division for release to appropriate sources in the mass news media field.

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