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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-8-64

FROM : M. Al Jones

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
POSSIBLE APPEARANCE BEFORE  
BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE CONGRESS  
IN JUNE, 1965, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

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DATE 12/18/80 BY SP3 JML/LL

You will recall that shortly after the Director's interview with the women reporters, Dr. Robert S. Denny, Associate General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) and a personal friend of SA C. Benjamin Fulton, contacted Fulton concerning King. Dr. Denny pointed out that the Program Committee of BWA had been encouraged by some members to invite King to speak at the 1965 Congress in June next year at Miami Beach. About one half of the Program Committee members objected, pointing out that it was their feeling if Director Hoover had publicly identified King as a "notorious liar," there most certainly must be even worse derogatory information concerning him which would make his appearance on the program questionable. You instructed SA Fulton to furnish Dr. Denny the general facts relating to King's ~~background~~ On this basis and without revealing the details and source, Dr. Denny was able to get the King matter tabled at that time.

On 12-7-64, Dr. Denny again contacted Fulton and advised that the matter has been brought up again. He pointed out that while he objects to having King on the program and has made his position known, unless he is able to share the information with at least Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, the General Secretary of BWA, and perhaps one other program official, either Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Program Committee Chairman and minister of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, or perhaps Dr. E. H. Pruden, minister of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., and a prominent leader in the American Baptist Convention, it is unlikely that he can keep the Program Committee from extending King an invitation. He would like for us to make the general facts relating to King ~~similar~~ similar to what we told him, known to Dr. Nordenhaug and either Dr. Adams or Dr. Pruden, whichever is available. Dr. Denny advised that we may have explicit faith in the reliability and discreetness of these men and that he knows they would be exceedingly grateful for the Bureau's consideration in this matter.

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

This, of course, would be only brief oral statements concerning King's ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~. You will recall the Director earlier on a memorandum dated 11-27-64 disapproved the proposal of arranging for Dr. Denny and Dr. Nordenhaug to listen to sources we have concerning this matter.

Bufiles reflect no derogatory information concerning Dr. Nordenhaug. We have had friendly relations with Dr. Pruden and very cordial relations with Dr. Adams.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be granted that through Dr. Denny arrangements be made for Dr. Nordenhaug and either Dr. Adams or Dr. Pruden be given the general facts relating to King's ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ on a discreet and confidential basis.

*12-10-64  
Mr. Nordenhaug  
Pruden & Denny  
present. G.P.F.*

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