

March 18, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. Attorney Russell Thompson, Memphis, Tennessee, was to meet with Jack Greenberg, Director, Legal Defense Fund, National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), on 3-17-69, in New York to furnish names of other people involved with Ray in the King killing. Greenberg desired an FBI Agent to be present at this meeting, and in accordance with Director's instructions we told New York that Thompson has not been forthcoming and if Thompson wants to furnish any information, he and Greenberg can come to our New York Office and give it.

The attached advises that invitations were extended to Greenberg and Thompson to come to our New York Office and Thompson contacted our New York Office concerning his availability in this matter.

You will be advised of pertinent developments.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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FBI NEW YORK

9:40 PM URGENT 3-17-69 AWS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (PLAIN)

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN;

JACK GREENBERG, DIRECTOR, LEGAL DEFENSE FUND,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ABOLITION OF COLOR PEOPLE
 NAACP, CONTACTED MARCH SEVENTEENTH, SIXTY ~~SIX~~ ^{NINE}, AND ADVISED
 THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF FBI WOULD NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE WITH
 RUSSELL THOMPSON AND THE NAACP.

GREENBERG WAS INFORMED THE FBI WAS DESIROUS OF
 RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION THOMPSON POSSESSED AND EXTENDED
 INVITATIONS TO GREENBERG AND THOMPSON TO COME TO THE
 NYO AND FURNISH THIS INFORMATION.

GREENBERG ADVISED THAT THOMPSON HAD WITH HIM MUCH
 PAPER MATERIAL AND HAD BEEN DISCUSSING INFORMATION HE POSSESSED.
 HOWEVER, GREENBERG ADVISED HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO
 EVALUATE THIS INFORMATION.

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GREENBERG ADVISED HE WOULD REQUEST THOMPSON TO CONTACT THE NYO CONCERNING THIS MATTER. GREENBERG ADVISED THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCOMPANY THOMPSON TO THE NYO.

THOMPSON TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NYO EVENING OF THREE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE AND ADVISED DUE TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS, HE WOULD AGAIN CONTACT NYO ON THREE EIGHTEEN, SIXTYNINE CONCERNING HIS AVAILABILITY IN THIS MATTER.

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just listen to him
& disclose nothing -
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