

KING,

[REDACTED]

King, look into your heart. You know you are a complete fraud and a great liability to all of us Negroes. White people in this country have enough frauds of their own but I am sure they don't have one at this time that is any where near your equal. You are no clergyman and you know it. I repeat you are a colossal fraud and an evil, vicious one at that.

[REDACTED]

King, like all frauds your end is approaching. You could have been our greatest leader.

[REDACTED]

But you are done. Your "honorary" degrees, your Nobel Prize (what a grim farce) and other awards will not save you. King, I repeat you are done.

[REDACTED]

The American public, the church organizations that have been helping - Protestant, Catholic and Jews will know you for what you are - an evil, abnormal beast. So will others who have backed you. You are done.

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King, there is only one thing left for you to do. You know what it is. You have just 34 days in which to do (this exact number has been selected for a specific reason, it has definite practical significance. You are done. There is but one way out for

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Date: December 1, 1964
To: Mr. W. C. Sullivan
From: J. A. Sizoo
Subject: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Reference is made to the attached memorandum DeLoach to Mohr dated 11/27/64 concerning DeLoach's interview with [redacted] and to your informal memo, also attached.

[redacted] stated to DeLoach that he was faced with the difficult problem of taking steps to remove King from the national picture. He indicates in his comments a lack of confidence that he, alone, could be successful. It is, therefore, suggested that consideration be given to the following course of action:

That DeLoach have a further discussion with [redacted] and offer to be helpful to [redacted] in connection with the problem of the removal of King from the national scene;

That DeLoach suggest that [redacted] might desire to call a meeting of Negro leaders in the country which might include, for instance, 2 or 3 top leaders in the civil rights movement such as James Farmer and A. Philip Randolph; 2 or 3 top Negro judges such as Judge Parsons and Judge Hasty; 2 or 3 top reputable ministers such as Robert Johnson, Moderator of the Washington City Presbytery; 2 or 3 other selected Negro officials from public life such as the Negro Attorney General from one of the New England states. These men could be called for the purpose of learning the facts as to the Bureau's performance in the fulfillment of its responsibilities under the Civil Rights statute, and this could well be done at such a meeting. In addition, the Bureau, on a highly confidential basis, could brief such a group on the security background of King [redacted]. The use of a tape, such as contemplated in your memorandum, together with a transcript for convenience in following the tape, should be most convincing.

The inclusion of U.S. Government officials, such as Carl Rowan or Ralph Bunche, is not suggested as they might feel a duty to advise the White House of such a contemplated meeting. It is believed this would give us an opportunity to outline to a group of influential Negro leaders what our record in the enforcement of civil rights has been. It would also give them, on a confidential

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

basis, information concerning King which would convince them of the danger of King to the over-all civil rights movement. [REDACTED] is already well aware of this. This group should include such leadership as would be capable of removing King from the scene if they, of their own volition, decided this was the thing to do after such a briefing. The group should include strong enough men to control a man like James Farmer and make him see the light of day. This might have the effect of increasing the stature of [REDACTED] who is a capable person and is ambitious.

There are refinements which, of course, could be added to the above which is set forth in outline form for possible consideration.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Memorandum

JUNE

DATE: JANUARY 23, 1964

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

NEGRO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Forsyth
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. M. F. Row (6221)
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

Memorandum 1/17/64 from Mr. Sullivan to Mr. Belmont advised of authority given to SAC Baker of Milwaukee Office for a survey, provided full security was assured, to determine the feasibility of installing microphone coverage to cover the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his associates while in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. King is scheduled to be in Milwaukee the night of 1/27/64.

At 5 p.m., 1/22/64, ASAC J. Wallace LaPrade (in the absence of SAC Baker) telephonically advised me that with full security a survey had been completed at the Shroeder Hotel in Milwaukee where King has reservations and that the specific room numbers have already been allotted to fill the reservation. LaPrade stated that the survey revealed the situation to be perfect from the standpoint of effecting the coverage desired and that they were ready to go ahead with the installation immediately.

ACTION:

Because time is of the essence, I gave LaPrade the requested authority for the installation, provided full security is assured. The Milwaukee Office was also authorized to rent space necessary to house the monitoring Special Agents. I reiterated to LaPrade the absolute necessity for the exercise of utmost tact and discretion in handling all phases of this matter. Further, he is to advise us promptly when King takes over space at the Hotel and the surveillance is activated. You will be kept promptly advised of additional information as received.

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Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: JANUARY 27, 1964

FROM: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

JUNE

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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Memorandum 1/23/64 from Mr. F. J. Baumgardner to myself advised of authority given to the Milwaukee Office for a microphone surveillance (misur) to cover the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his associates while in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he is scheduled to appear for a talk tonight (1/27/64).

SAC Baker of the Milwaukee Office phoned me this morning to advise that King had arrived in Milwaukee and checked into the Shroeder Hotel as scheduled and that the misur was activated at 10:30 a.m. today. Symbol numbers assigned are [redacted] and [redacted].

Baker also advised that the local police have taken a room close to the suite of rooms engaged by King so that protection might be afforded King. In view of this, it was the conjecture of Baker that the likelihood of King's going ahead with any [redacted] plans is greatly minimized. I agree with this observation.

Milwaukee is to keep the Bureau promptly advised of all developments and upon receipt of additional information you will be further informed.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

(JUNE)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: JANUARY 28, 1964

J U N E

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

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Baumgardner
S. P. S.

My memorandum to you 1/27/64 advised of a micro-phone surveillance (misur) which had been activated that date at the Shroeder Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to cover the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his associates.

SAC Baker phoned this morning (1/28/64) to advise that the misur was unproductive as there were no activities of interest developed. The misur was therefore discontinued at 11:30 p.m. last night (1/27/64).

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.) (JUNE)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. (IS) 100-106670

October 19, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This Bureau's investigation of the communist influence in racial matters has developed considerable information indicating the influence upon Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, by individuals with subversive backgrounds such as Stanley David Levison, Harry Wachtel, Bayard Rustin and others. From time to time, King meets with these individuals and coverage of these meetings by this Bureau results in the obtaining of evidence of the influences upon King as well as information concerning the tactics and plans of King and his organization in the civil rights movement. The coverage of these meetings also has developed information concerning King's involvement in the Vietnam situation. These meetings frequently take place in hotel rooms in New York City.

On October 14, 1965, information was obtained that King was to spend the night of October 14, 1965, at the Astor Hotel in New York City. We also had information that King planned to meet with his advisors while in New York City, October 14-15, 1965. Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected October 14, 1965, on King in Room 345, Astor Hotel, 44th Street and Broadway Avenue, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass and was discontinued on October 15, 1965.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

J U N K

DATE: 11/29/85

TO : Mr. Sullivan

FROM T. J. Baumgardner

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

1 - Mr. Belmont
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Special Agent in Charge Roney, New York Office, called this morning (11/29/65) and advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., and some of his associates have a reservation at the Americana Hotel in New York City, arrival about 2 p.m., today (11/29/65).. King will probably stay only one night as he is to be in Washington, D. C., 11/30/65. King and his party will have Rooms 3609 - 3611. The New York Office has available Room 3509 from which it advises it can maintain a microphone surveillance on King, with full security assured and without the use of any wiring.

We have had prior information that King will meet with some of his advisors with communist backgrounds, such as Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel. These conferences with his advisors have shown the communist influence upon King relative to the racial situation as well as the Vietnam situation.

The New York Office requested authority to make the microphone surveillance installation immediately with full security assured and also requested authority for expenditure of up to \$35 per day for the monitoring room.

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On New York's assurance that full security was available and since time was of the essence, New York was told to go ahead with the installation as planned and was also authorized the necessary expenditure for the monitoring room. Inasmuch as the installation will be made today (11/29/65) and deactivated immediately upon King's departure, probably 11/30/65, we will promptly submit a memorandum to the Attorney General advising when the installation was made and when it was taken off.

1 - M. F. Row - Room 6221 IB

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. (IS) 100-106670

December 1, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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On November 29, 1965, information was obtained that King was to spend the night of November 29, 1965, at the Americana Hotel, 52nd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City. We also had information that King planned to meet with his advisors while in New York City, November 29-30, 1965. Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected November 29, 1965, on King in Rooms 3609-3611, Americana Hotel, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass and was discontinued on November 30, 1965.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 21, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Miss Holmes
 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
 1 - Mr. Bland
 1 - Mr. Rozamus
 1 - Mr. Bates

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On January 20, 1966, information was received that King plans to arrive in New York City on January 21, 1966, and will stay at the Americana Hotel, 52nd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, from January 21, 1966, until approximately January 25, 1966. We also had information that King planned to meet with his advisors this week in New York City. Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected January 21, 1966, on King in Rooms 3435 - 3437, Americana Hotel, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass. It will be immediately discontinued upon his departure.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - M. F. Roy - Room 6221

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NOTE: See Sullivan to DeLoach memorandum, 1/21/66, same caption,
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Memorandum for the Attorney General
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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This memorandum is classified "Secret" since it concerns a microphone surveillance, unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau's security coverage to the detriment of national security.

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