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8 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Research Staff

SUBJECT: - REPORT FROM

1. viewed BELAFONTE's emceeing of the Johnny CARSON Show last night. said that Sidney FOITIER and Livingston WINGATE at the prompting of BELAFONTE went into a lengthy discussion of how Martin Luther KING obtained his money some years ago. According to BELAFONTE is setting the stage for a future discussion of this matter when KING appears tonight on the show.

2. concludes that the reason for the discussion of the alleged source of the funds supplied to KING at this late date must be because there has been a leak of information and all concerned realize that probably the FBI is putting pressure on KING to disclose the true source of the funds.

3. now speculates who leaked the information that he supplied to us that the funds source was from the Chicoms. I assured that no information that he passes to us is given to any source but an official one.

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1. reported that following the assassination of the Reverend Martin Luther KING, called for advice. claimed that President JOHNSON by telephoning and other Negroes of the same persuasion extending the President's sympathy on the untimely death of the Reverend KING manifests the belief that the President is misinformed in matters of this delicacy. claims that the Negroes are embittered and believe that if the President had not been spending all of our resources on winning the war in Viet Nam, this tragic event would not have occurred.

2. According to stated that he, had been in touch with the and stated that the poor peoples march on Washington which KING was to lead on 22 April 1968 will still be held.

3. said that he had called and recommended that the President issue a proclamation which would make this weekend one of silent prayer. He suggested that the President call upon all ministers, rabbis and priests to concentrate on texts which would emphasize the need for peace in the world. said that he also suggested to that the President extend an invitation to to sing Sunday in a memorial service in Washington, D. C. at the Lincoln Memorial. said that he would be able to bring to Washington at the same time to sing hymns known and loved by the black race. said that today at sundown begins the Jewish Sabbath and that he had urged to request that his suggestions be acted upon forthwith. said that he hopes to see this government reacting to notification that the New York Stock Exchange will shut down its trading at 11:00 today and use the time for silent prayer. said that he also noted that campuses all over the United States have also agreed to hold memorial services. He thinks that this government should be way out front in this regard and not react untimely to the practices put into motion by the Stock Exchange and the colleges.