

Dear Jim,

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Your 6/10 note with what the CIA disclosed to you from its SCIC file wonders why all that junk was in the CIA's files to begin with and that some represents an effort to label everyone around King as a Communist. Even the Memphis cop, Reddick, who was a police spy on King.

It dates his membership to 1943 and ~~xx~~ says he was the most unimportant ~~xx~~ CP member. But these are notes and not the records holding the alleged facts. In fact, that is true of everything, and it suggests that the CIA had a source, like the FBI, to which, probably, it has referred records it did not provide you.

What is reflected is a HUAC mentality and political perspective within CIA.

Incomplete as these records obviously are they reflect prohibited domestic intelligence by the CIA and the latest date included is after it supposedly stopped, 1975.

Some of what you call junk is office material and much is what was not handed out generally but is usually given only to workers connected with the project, in some instances the Poor People's Campaign without question. Or, somebody's coverage.

The letter-sized sheet numbered 8 is rather interesting in that it suggests how the CIA is preparing to lie while appearing not to. It says, "Director wishes to learn whether Dr. Martin Luther King was ever surveilled or reported on - while outside of the U.S. - under the CHAOS program. Also, whether there is any record of any mail interception either to or from Dr. Martin Luther King."

Somebody phrased this to eliminate the reporting on him disclosed to me inside the US and by the CIA itself and further limits it to under CHAOS, which the reporting I got wasn't.

Consistent with this the request for records searches omits what was then of interest, any records relating to or files on the Poor Peoples' Campaign. They do have records on it, disclosed to me, compiled as "national security" because of the possibility King would block the bridges into Washington with his demonstration. You ought remember these because I gave them to the Post and LA Times and both used separate parts. And you should recall that when the LA Times reporter, Jeff Prugh, armed with copies of my copies, went to examine the court's copies, they were gone, without any explanation in the file. So, when the CIA knew that it had conducted domestic intelligence on King it phrased the search request of OS to eliminate what it knew it had by limitation to outside the US and to CHAOS.

No response to the mail cover is included. They didn't disclose an mail intercepts to me but they sure did give me what he had in his pockets! (Which they may have gotten from elsewhere, like the FBI, because no records relating to how they were gotten was included with these xeroxes.) There ought be little doubts that its foreign mail interception program did include King and those close to and around him.

Some of the CIA people knew so little about King and his associates that they had Stanley's name with an "n," or as "Levinson."

Thanks,

